

## Lesson: (#7) FRUIT OF JOY

This is our seventh lesson in our study of the Fruit of Holy Spirit.

The Fruit of Holy Spirit is a spiritual phenomenon only to those church age believers who walk by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16; 1 Cor.6:19-20).

Each of the nine fruit of the Holy Spirit is produced completely (100%) by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16, 22-23).

Today's Fruit of the Holy Spirit is JOY (chara). You might be interested to learn that "happiness" is not a biblical word. It is a Middle English word (1100-1500). It is a concept taken from the Greek word Chara, [JOY].

<b>This lesson will study five aspects of the Fruit of Holy Spirit called JOY.</b>
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**1. There are two Greek words associated with biblical joy: chara (joy) [noun] and chairō (rejoice) [verb].**

The Greek word charis (grace) comes from chara and chairō. This is because they are part of the character of God.

(Ps.32:11) "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart."

The Greeks believed that **joy** was a gift of God and to know it was wisdom (TD of NT, vol.9, pg.365).

They believed that when a person experienced **joy** and expressed it back to God, it was a fruit of virtue of life.

They believed that **joy** was one of the basic moods in life along with grief, fear, anger, and pleasure.

They called it a **mood** (disposition / attitude towards life) as distinct from an emotion (feeling) (Eccl.5:18-20; **Luke 13:10-17**)

**Question:** How does God provide joy as a divine disposition to unsaved mankind?

**2. Joy is made available to every person who believes that Jesus Christ died for his sins, was buried and rose from the dead to give him eternal life (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

**The Philippian jailor** who was saved by the ministry of Paul and Silas reflected the joy of his salvation –

(Acts 16:34) "And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and **rejoiced greatly**, having believed in God with his whole household."

(Luke 15:7) "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 10:20) [names written in heaven]

**David** – "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit." (Ps.51:12; Jude 24)

**3. God designed Ph.II in the Plan of God, the Christian in time (CWL) so that every Believer has an eternal well of joy within themselves.**

(John 7:37-39) "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of **the Spirit**, whom

those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” (1 Cor.6:19-20; **Gal.5:22-23**)

The key is for the believer to drink freely from this eternal well of JOY (John 7:37) [let the thirsty drink]. This is what Jesus explained to the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s Well (John 4:5-14, 29).

(John 4:14) “But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become **in him** a well of water springing up to eternal life.” (John 14:16)

(Rom.14:17) “For the kingdom of God is not eating or drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

(Rom.15:13) “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” “Rejoicing in hope.” (Rom.12:12)

**4. Spiritual growth maturity gives the Church Age Believer (CAB) the capacity to enjoy the grace blessing of life without becoming attached and enslaved to them.**

(Ps.119:14) “I have **rejoiced** in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.”

(John 16:24) “Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.”

(John 15:11) “These things I have spoken to you so that **My joy may be in you**, and that **your joy may be full**.” (John 17:13-14, 17)

**NOTE:** Last Tuesday night we studied an example of this doctrinal principle in the **life of Hanna** in a lesson entitled, Happiness is a Belief (1 Sam.1:1-20).

**Paul as PT:** “Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for the progress and joy in the faith.” (Phil.1:25)

(Jer.15:16) “Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a **joy and the delight of my heart**; for I have been called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.”

**5. It is possible for the spiritually mature Believer (Gal.5:16) to not become disillusioned and discouraged by the trials of faith or undeserved suffering.**

(James 1:2-3) “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” (1 Pet.1:6-8; Acts 5:41)

(1 Pet.4:12-13) “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; **but to the degree that you share the suffering of Christ, keep on rejoicing**, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.” (Heb.10:32-35)

It is also possible for the spiritually mature believer to always have joy no matter what the circumstances or adversities of life (Gal.5:22-23)

(2 Cor.8:2) “That in a great ordeal of affliction **their abundance of joy** and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.” (2 Cor.7:4; Col.1:24)

(2 Cor.6:10a) “As sorrowful yet always rejoicing.”

**(Phil.4:4) “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!”**