

## Joy

**John 16:24-Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.** (KJV)

St. John the Evangelist is a source of reference for understanding joy. Believers seeking joy in the Lord Jesus Christ benefit from the Scriptures. The Lord Jesus Christ speaks about the fullness of joy being possible. Believers do well to seek the joy of Christ within the heart, mind and soul. Preparing the heart, mind and soul to be filled with Christ requires action. Desire needs to be present within the believer to be filled with Christ's joy. Asking in Jesus' Name is connected with joy being full in the believer.

**1 John 1:4-And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.** (KJV)

St. John's Epistle adds to the truth that attaining fullness of joy is possible. Believers are challenged to remove everything in life impeding joy in Christ. Life gets polluted following Holy Baptism and makes repentance necessary. The believer's repentance is required to cleanse the heart, mind and soul. Filling the heart with love, forgiveness and understanding increases joy. Forgiveness, love and understanding are personified in Jesus Christ. St. John has enduring references to the love and joy found in Jesus Christ.

**2 John 1:12-Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.** (KJV)

The world is filled with references to violence that need countered by Christ. Joy in daily relationships is based on love, forgiveness and understanding. The perpetrators of violence are void of joy in the heart, mind and soul. Human interactions based in Christ are the path to lasting peace and joy. Relationships founded authentically in Christ are revealed by their nature. Joy, love and peace characterize relationships in Christ, not violence.

**3 John 1:4-I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.** (KJV)

Children of nations walking in truth have relationships that are trusting. Truth is essential for trusting relationships to exist in modern civilization. The present world has seen truth compromised and distorted excessively. The present world would do well to heed the writings of Holy St. John. The need for serious introspection on the part of world leaders is overdue. The serious search for world peace and joy begins with each heart and soul.

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