

The Fruit from the Spirit

Joy

I. Joy is a diving enabling (Gal. 5:22).

1. Joy (noun), rejoice (verb), also translated 'glad,' *etc.*
2. Joy uses in natural sense.
 - 1) Is the opposite of gloom, dejection, morn, lament, sadness (Jam. 4:9; Jn. 16:20; Heb. 12:11).
 - 2) **Joy is the mental willingness to accept and appreciate any circumstance, without resentment or frustration.**
 - 3) Joy is mental, in the realm of the human spirit—not soulish or emotional.

II. Joy functioning as part of the Fruit from the Spirit.

1. Jesus the example of divine quality of joy (Heb. 12:2).
2. Christians can have joy during trials and tribulations (1 Thes 1:6; Heb. 10:34; Col. 1:24; 1 Pet. 4:13).
3. Joy is 'overseen' by love (1 Cor. 13:6-7).
4. Joy works in concert with other facets of the Fruit from the Spirit (Rom. 15:13; Col. 1:11).
5. Joy delights in the spiritual growth of other Christians (Phil. 2:17-18; Col. 2:5; 2 Jn. 4; 3 Jn. 4).
6. There can be joy in temptation (Jam. 1:2-3).
7. There is no joy for the carnal Christian (Heb. 12:11).

III. Complete joy.

1. In fulfilling the New Commandment (1 Jn. 2:7-8; 5:13).
2. Having a consistent frame of mind (1 Thes. 5:16).
3. As a frame of mind when communicating with the Father (Phil. 1:4; 1 Thes. 5:16-17).