

## WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

*Joy in Jesus Christ*

**In Christ Jesus**

Philippians 1:1

**Truth:** God's desire is for all people to experience true joy in Jesus Christ.

- Contemporary joy - an emotion produced by success, good fortune, or the prospect of possessing what is desired; delight.
- Biblical joy - a state of being; a calm delight; a deep seated satisfaction and contentment.
  - A gift from God - Psalm 4:7-8; 51:10-12.
  - A product of the Holy Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23.
  - Philippians 4:10-13

1. To be 'in Christ Jesus' is positional.

*But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you* ..... Romans 8:9

- The Vine and Branches - John 15:4-6.
  - It is to be spiritually alive - Ephesians 2:1-5
  - It is to be saved - Romans 3:23-26 Ephesians 2:5-7;
  - It is to be a new person - 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. To be 'in Christ Jesus' is relational.

*For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

..... Galatians 3:26

- Romans 6:3-11; 8:16.

3. To be 'in Christ Jesus' is practical.

- A spiritually alive person will never experience spiritual death.  
..... John 5:24.
- A child of God can never be rejected or abandoned by God.  
..... Hebrews 13:5 (Deut 31:6; Josh 1:5; 1 Chron 28:20).
- A Christian can become a prodigal but not an apostate.

“God preserves all genuine Christians as eternally secure (preservation), and all genuine Christians will continue in the faith (perseverance) . . . Someone who once professed to be a Christian may become apostate. But a genuine Christian cannot become apostate. Those who apostatize demonstrate that they were never genuine Christians” ..... Andy Naselli

What does all of this have to do with joy? 1 Peter 1:3-9.

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