

## **101 (B) 14 minutes a day 4 Indescribable Joy.**

Do you truly want to experience the joy of the Lord in your daily life? If so, then you will need to give God back some of the “precious, limited & valuable” time, which He blessed you with, to prove your desire for the gifts that He has for you.

So, what is the Joy of The Lord & how do we get it & grow in its indescribable glory & strength? We start with prayer & meditating on God’s Word & character, as the joy of the Lord, is not just a feeling of happiness, as feelings are relative & temporary & would not hold us up in times of distress. This joy of the Lord, for us, comes from the true joy of Jesus for all that His Father is, not for what He has done, or can do, but because of who God truly is & all that He represents e.g. Love, Life, Truth, Joy, Peace, Faith, Kindness, Goodness & Self control & you too can truly learn to have & experience all these gifts in your daily life, but you must believe, must have faith & must work for it, in Jesus name.

I can experience the joy of the Lord, because I am united to God eternally, through Jesus Christ, because of what Jesus did for me & as such, regardless of what happens to me here, even in my sufferings, I will remain in the indescribable joy of the Lord. This indescribable joy grows stronger & deeper as we move towards complete fullness in Christ, as it is not a fake worldly joy, or false temporary feeling, that we are seeking, it is the fullness of the Joy of Christ, living within & protecting us.

This joy is from a firm conviction & deep knowledge of the love that God has instilled within us, allowing us to know that God works everything for His & our good, regardless of if we recognize it, or not, as with God, ours is not to reason why, but to trust in Him & all that He allows, as this is His world, not ours.

This joy comes from knowing that God is our Father & loves us more deeply than we realize & is always with us, even as we walk through fiery trials & deep waters of life. We grow in joy, through a strong relationship with Jesus, as the closer we are connected with Him, the more of God’s joy we receive.

Prayer is our lifeline to Christ, who gives us what we need in every trial & battle, as when we come to the throne of grace, we are filled with the joy of the Lord, which is our strength. Let us then with confidence, draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy & find grace to help in times of need, Hebrews 4:16.

So if we want to truly experience the joy of the Lord, allowing it to become our strength, we must hold onto Christ, through prayer, immersing ourselves in God's word & letting Christ reshape our lives & days, as He fills us with overwhelming joy, as when the Spirit opens our eyes, we truly are filled with the overwhelming joy of the Lord; for how can we not be overflowing with joy, once we understand the great salvation to which we've been called?

How can we not be bursting with joy when we're filled with the fullness of God. In Luke 7:47, Jesus says, therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much, but he who loves little, is forgiven little. In Christ, all my sins are paid for. There is no judgment left for me, only mercy. I am an adopted son of God & will receive an inheritance from God. I have been freed from the power of sin & now have power to obey & to have an intimate relationship with God. I have life everlasting & the full blessings of Jesus Christ, as the gospel is my fountain of joy & when I drink from the fountain of the gospel, I experience the joy of the Lord.

I will honor God, by being a joyful Christian, as when others see me full of the joy of the Lord, it will point them to God, who is the true source of all true joy.