

101 B. Joy beyond understanding.

Lord your joy is my strength & I want to experience it in every circumstance of every day.

If you truly want to experience the joy of the Lord in your life, you will need to give God back, some of the “precious” time, which He blessed you with.

So, what Is the Joy of The Lord & how do we get it & grow in its indescribable strength?

We start with prayer & meditating on God’s Word & character, as the joy of the Lord is not just a feeling of happiness, or it wouldn’t hold us up in times of sadness, or distress, as this joy comes from the joy of Jesus, for all that His Father is, not what He has done, or can do, but because of who God truly is.

I experience the joy of the Lord, because I am united to God eternally, through Jesus, because of what Jesus did, regardless of what happens to me here.

Our joy can be strong, while moving toward complete fullness, as it is not worldly joy that we seek, it is the fullness of the Joy of Christ, living within & protecting us. This joy is the firm, conviction that God loves us & works everything for His good. It is knowing that God is our Father & loves us more deeply than we realize & is always with us, even as we walk through fiery trials & the deep waters in life.

We grow in joy, through a strong relationship with Jesus, as the closer we are connected, 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 experience the joy of the Lord, which can 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, 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 points them to God, who is the source of all true joy, regardless of what sadness that I may also feel in my flesh, for all that's going on in the world, or at them times where tragedy may strike in my family, or life, as my man spirit mourns, the joy that is in the spirit of God that lives within me will still hold me bound to the joy & rejoicing

of my future that is already written with my savior on the new earth,
where all of the sadness of this dying earth, will be no more.