



Summer Splash

2. Joy like a fountain

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The promise of joy

▲ There is a Prince of joy

Luke 2:8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

▲ There is a promise of joy

John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

▲ Is joylessness prevailing?

Psalms 42:11 Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed with me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

The pathway to joy

▲ Rediscover the roots of joy

▲ Joy is rooted in appreciating the beauty of your salvation

Isaiah 61:10 I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

▲ Joy is rooted in anticipating the benefits of your salvation

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

▲ Joy is rooted in assurance and boldness in your salvation

1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

▲ Reevaluate the realms of joy

▲ Joy operates amidst pleasure and plenty and perfection

Obvious 3:16 No text necessary.

▲ Joy operates amidst problems and pains and persecutions

2 Corinthians 7:4 I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.

▲ Rethink the reasons for joy

▲ Joy stirs us to dance and sing and shout

Psalms 100:1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

▲ Joy strengthens us to do and serve and shell out

Nehemiah 8:10 the joy of the LORD is your strength.

▲ Refill the reservoirs of joy

▲ Pursue the promise of joy

Hebrews 6:12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

▲ Cultivate the commodity of joy

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

▲ Request a restoration of joy if your joy has been robbed or ruined

Psalms 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

▲ Connect with the community of joy

Acts 2:46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

▲ Park in the presence of joy

Psalms 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

▲ Sign up for the service of joy

Psalms 126:6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

▲ Obey the orders of joy

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

▲ Accept the anointing of joy

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.