

PEACE & JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST
There's Joy & Peace In Believing

- I. **Hope, believing, joy and peace these are connected-Rm15:13**-Now the God of hope [expectation of good, confidence] fill you with all joy and peace in believing [faith], that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost
- A. Hope-Expectation something good is going to happen; Faith-Confidence of that expectation-Rm8:24-We are saved by hope but hope that is seen is not hope for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for? If we hope for that we see not then do we with patience (cheerful endurance) wait for it-Hb11:1-Rm12:12, Hb3:6-Recjoicing in hope
- B. Believing something good is going to happen YIELDS joy and peace-1Pt1:3-According to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively **hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead⁴To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fades not away reserved in heaven for you⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto **salvation**, ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶**Wherein** ye greatly **rejoice**, though now for a season if need be ye are **in heaviness** (distress) through manifold temptations ⁸Whom having not seen ye love; in whom though now ye see him not **yet believing ye rejoice** with joy unspeakable and full of glory ⁹Receiving the end of your faith...
- C. Peace and joy are great indicators of faith-EX:Federer looks so peaceful
- D. Fear/sorrow indicate a lack of faith/hope-1Th4:13-Sorrow not...have no hope
- E. To address fear/sorrow address what you believe-Jn14:1-Let not your heart be troubled (agitate, anxious, distress): you believe in God, believe also in me
1. It's your belief that's depressing you-NOT your circumstances

- II. **Faith doesn't fret-Unbelief frets-Ps37:1-Fret not** [angry, grieve, hot, vexation, agitation, irritation] thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of **iniquity** [perverse, wicked].²For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. ³**Trust** in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed [provide, protect]. ⁴**Delight** [happy, merry, joy] thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ⁵**Commit** thy way unto the Lord; **trust** also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. [YLT-Roll on Jehovah thy way, And trust upon Him, and He worketh] ⁶And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.⁷**Rest** [be still, at peace] in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. ⁸**Cease** from anger, and **forsake** wrath [poison]: **fret not** thyself in any wise to do evil. ¹²The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. ¹³The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. ⁴⁰And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they **trust** in him.

- A. Fret not, trust-We have more control than we realize-Jn14:27, Ph4:8, Ep4:31
- B. The fret is coming from unbelief-Anger, frustration, agitation isn't faith
1. The fruit of faith is peace and joy-Anger, frustration, agitation, sorrow is the fruit of unbelief
2. You need the roots of faith in place to get the joy and peace to come out-The peace and rejoicing comes out of the belief
- C. The spirit of faith unfurrows its brow, smiles, says things are changing-Ps5:11, Hb3:17-19, Jo2:20-Fear not...be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things
- D. It matters whether you fret or trust-We're saved by hope (rejoicing)

- III. **Fear, sorrow, anger are the fruit of unbelief and unbelief shuts God out-The danger is not the emotion, but what it signals; unbelief**