PEACE & JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

The Root Of Peace & Joy

- I. Peace/joy are affected by what you believe-Rm14:17-Rm15:1-We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. ³ For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. ⁴ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now the <u>God of patience</u> and <u>consolation</u> grant you to <u>be likeminded</u> one toward another according to Christ Jesus: ⁶ That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. ⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the <u>circumcision</u> for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: ⁹ And that the <u>Gentiles</u> might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. ¹⁰ And again he saith, <u>Rejoice, ye Gentiles</u>, with his people. ¹¹ And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. ¹² And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. ¹³ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
 - A. <u>There's peace and joy in faith</u>-Faith is where they are located and you can't get into peace and joy if you don't get into faith (Hope-*Hb11:1*)
 - Joy/peace are the fruit of faith (hope)-Believing produces rejoicing-Β. 1Pt1:3-According to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the $dead^4To$ an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fades not away reserved in heaven for you ⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto **salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶Wherein 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-Hb3:17-Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹The Lord God is my strength and he will make my feet like hinds feet and he will make me to walk upon mine high places-Jo2:21-Fear not O land; be glad and rejoice for the Lord will do great things-Ps5:11-Let all those that put their trust in you rejoice: let them ever shout for joy because you defend (cover) them-Rm12:12-Rejoicing in hope-Hb3:6-Rejoicing of the hope-Rm5:2-Rejoice in the hope-Is26:3-You wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you because he trusteth in you
 - C. <u>Without the root of faith in place there can be no peace and joy</u>-Many can't walk in peace and joy because their belief won't allow it; Being hopeless and faithless you can't walk in peace and joy
- II. Fear, sorrow, the troubled heart, these are the fruit of unbelief-Jn14:1-Let not your heart be troubled (agitate/anxious/distress): you believe in God, believe also in me

A. If you're troubled it's because you're not trusting-Jn14:1,Ps37:1,Mt6:28,30

- B. <u>Sorrow/fear comes from a lack of faith</u>-Your belief is depressing you (worry, afraid, angry) NOT your circumstances-Nm14:1-Wept...²...murmured against Moses-Mk4:40-Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith-1Sm1:10-1Th4:13-I would not have you to be ignorant brethren concerning them which are asleep that ye sorrow (heavy, trouble) not even as others which have no hope (confidence, faith, expectation)
- C. <u>His belief won't allow him to fear</u>-Fear found no foothold with this belief -Ps46:1-God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

D. Answer for the troubled heart is to have faith in God-Way into joy/peace-Jn14:1-AC-Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe confidently in God and trust Him