

JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST
A Defining Characteristic

- I. **Joy is a DEFINING CHARACTERISTIC of The Kingdom of God-Rm14:17-The Kingdom of God** (where He rules, God's domain) is not meat and drink; but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost
- A. The Father-Ps16:11-In thy presence is fullness (abundance) of joy-Ps43:4-Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy
 - B. Jesus-Hb1:9-Anointed you with the oil of gladness (extreme joy) above thy fellows-NL-Pouring out the oil of joy on you more than...anyone else
 - C. Holy Spirit-Rm14:27-Ac13:52-Were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost-1Th1:6-Received the word in much affliction with joy of the Holy Ghost
 - D. Believers-Is51:3-The LORD shall comfort Zion...joy and gladness shall be found therein-Ps118:15-The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous-Ps68:3-Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea let them exceedingly rejoice-Ps32:11-Be glad in the LORD and rejoice ye righteous: and shout for joy-Ps97:12-Rejoice in the LORD ye righteous-Pr29:6-The righteous does sing and rejoice-Ps64:10-The righteous shall be glad in the LORD-Ps132:9-Let thy saints shout for joy-2Ch6:41-Let thy saints rejoice in goodness-1Ch16:10-Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD-Ps40:16-Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee-Ps109:28-Let thy servant rejoice-Is65:13-My servants shall rejoice
- II. **God places great emphasis on joy (Many believers do not)**
- A. 85x we are told to rejoice, be glad, be of good cheer and also to rid ourselves of fear, sorrow, anger-Ph4:4-Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say rejoice-1Th5:15-Rejoice **evermore** (joy as a constant lifestyle)-Ep4:31-Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you-Ps37:8-Cease from anger and forsake wrath-Ep4:26-Let not the sun go down on your wrath-Ph1:28-In nothing be terrified by your adversaries-Jn14:27-Let not your heart be **troubled** (inner agitation-fear, anxiety, sorrow), neither let it be afraid
 - B. Don't minimize the importance of this joy-Typically when God emphasizes something like this it is because it affects many other things
 - 1. Two big things it affects are strength and health-Ne8:10,Pr17:22
- III. **Joy is the great elixir-In any situation it does good-Pr17:22**-A merry heart doeth good like a **medicine** (cure-remedy, remove evil, restore to good state-AH-Lift high, triumph, increase, lift out)-Js1:2-My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations
- IV. **Joy is the great reveler (of your faith, your submission, your HS level, who you're yielding to)-Rm14:27,1Pt1:8,Ac2,13:52**