

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Joy of Hope

Romans 15:13 (NLT2)

¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. God Alone is Our Source of Hope.

Romans 14:17 (NLT2)

¹⁷ For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

That is living the kingdom life: goodness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. He is the source.

II. The only way we can drink from the well of Joy is to Trust God – to believe Him.

Psalm 30:5 (NLT2)

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

JEREMIAH

¹⁶ When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies. Jeremiah 15:16 (NLT2)

PETER

³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT2)

DAVID

¹⁴³ As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in your commands. Psalm 119:143 (NLT2)

⁷⁴ May all who fear you find in me a cause for joy, for I have put my hope in your word. Psalm 119:74 (NLT2)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5 (NKJV)

⁶ Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. 1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)

III. We Rejoice because we Trust God. We Believe His Word...

¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (NLT2)

Rejoicing in Believing God 's Word releases the Power of the Holy Spirit to act on our behalf.

The Holy Spirit then gives to us Confident Hope which brings peace and joy in our lives.

Warning of not Rejoicing in the Lord

⁴⁷ "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things;

*⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you. **Deuteronomy 28:47-48 (NASB)***