

More Joy

Psalm 4:7

*You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.*

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What does this say about more joy?

1. God is the _____ of more joy – “you have put”
2. The heart is the _____ of more joy – “in my heart”
3. Circumstances can be _____ from more joy –

“than they have when their grain and wine abound”

“red herrings” = _____, _____ or false _____

We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far _____.

C.S. Lewis

Christianity satisfies suddenly and perfectly man’s ancestral instinct for being the right way up; satisfies it supremely in this; that by its creed _____ becomes something gigantic and sadness something special and small.

G.K. Chesterton

Jesus relentlessly offers us _____ !

- “my joy” -

“in Your presence there is fullness of joy” Psalm 16:11

- How do we get it?
 - Stop looking for _____ joy.
 - See _____ as a means of more joy.

I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

2 Corinthians 7:4

O God, take all our sorrows and use them to show us the nature of Your joy.

Leslie Weatherhead

- _____ for more joy.

Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:24

Joy is the great note all through the Bible. We have the notion of joy that arises from good spirits or good health, but the miracle of the joy of God has nothing to do with a man's life or his circumstances or the condition he is in. Jesus Christ does not come to a man and say, “Cheer up.” He plants within a man the miracle of the joy of God's own nature.

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