



The First Three Fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, ²³
gentleness, self-control; against
such things there is no law.**

Works of the Flesh	Works of the Spirit
Hatred/ Bitterness	Love
Wrath/ Anger	Joy
Sexual immorality	Self-control
Contentions/Quarreling	Peaceful
Uncleanness/ lewdness	Faithfulness
Idolatry/ Sorcery	Righteousness
Jealousy	Humility
Selfishness/ Greed	Giving / Generous
Covetousness	Thankfulness
Drunkenness	Patience
Lying	Truth
Filthy Language	Kindness/ Goodness
Blasphemy	Gentleness
Stealing	Forgiveness



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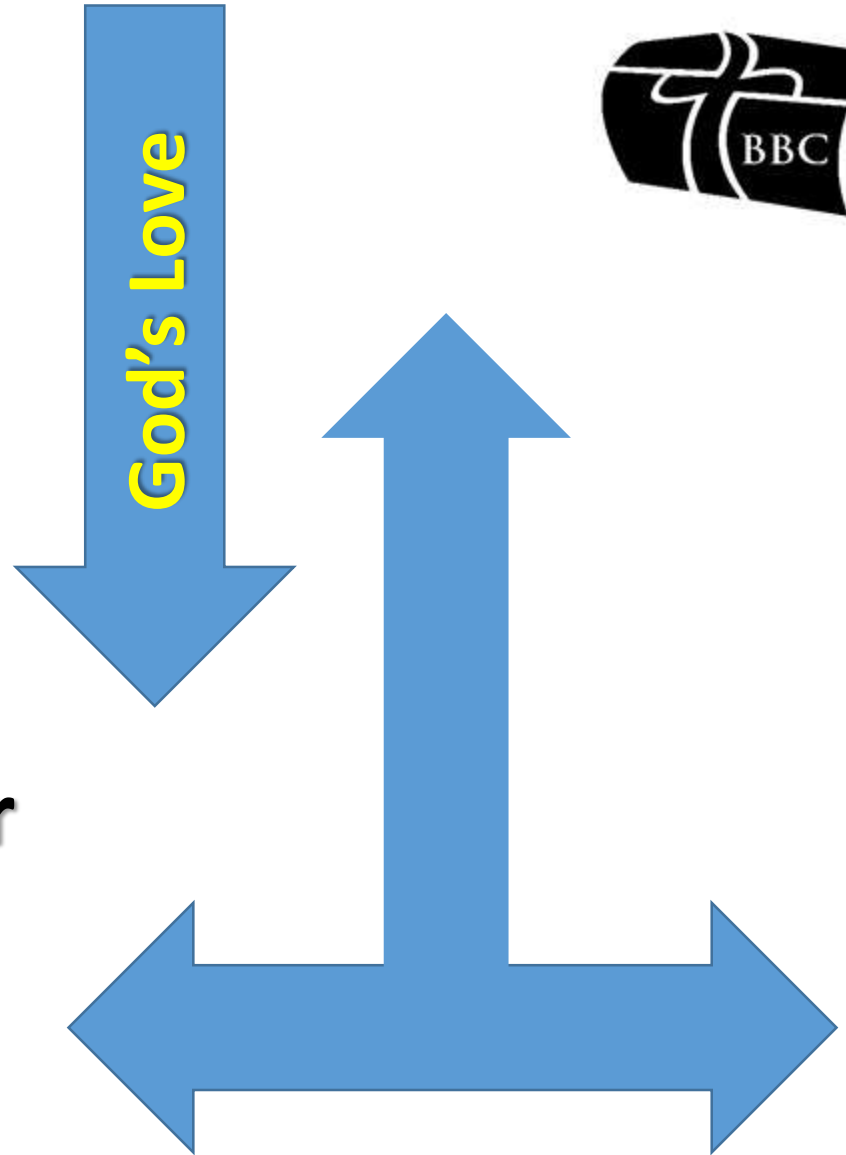
**Love is the greatest evidence
of the indwelling of the Spirit**

Love



**Deep affection for God
and/or others**

**Unselfish loyal and
benevolent concern for
the good of others**





Turn To

Luke 6:32ff



³² ***“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.***



2 Timothy 1:7

- for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.



No Single Book is
More Comprehensive
on Love Than

1 John



1 John 2:5

- but **whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.** By this we may know that we are in him:



1 John 2:15

- Do not love the world or the things in the world.
- If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

- **What do I love?**



- **Why do I love?**

- **Who do I love?**

- **How do I love?**



1 John 3:10

- By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, **nor is the one who does not love his brother.**



**Genuine conversion creates
in the heart of the believer a
love that the world cannot
understand which manifests
itself in authentic love for:**



Love for

- 1) God, Jesus and the Spirit
- 2) My brothers and sisters in Christ
- 3) Humanity: born and unborn
- 4) Our enemies



**A Christian is genuinely concerned
about plight of the homeless**



1 John 3:11

- For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another.**



1 John 3:14

- We know that we have passed out of death into life, **because we love the brothers.**
- **Whoever does not love abides in death.**



Loving **v. not loving is
the ultimate test for an
individual to determine
the legitimacy of their
conversion.**

Have you been born from above?



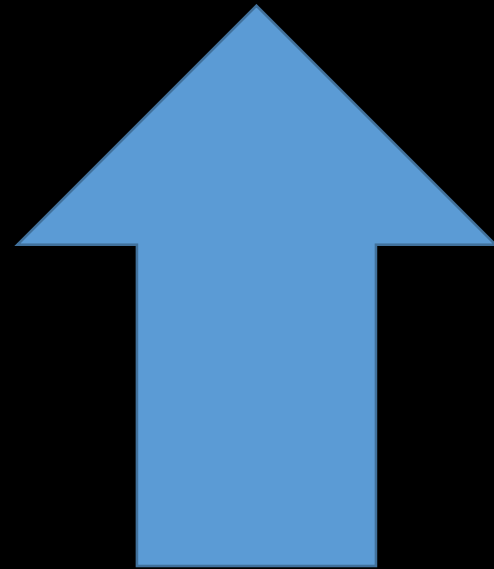
1 John 3:17

- But if anyone has the world's goods and **sees his brother in need**, yet closes his heart against him, **how does God's love abide in him?**



1 John 3:18

- Little children, let us not love in word or talk **but in deed and in truth.**





**When you spend and/or
save all the money you earn on
yourself or your household what
are you communicating by your
choices?**

**How can a believer say they love
God and give nothing to the
church?**



1 John 3:23

- And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.



1 John 4:7

- Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.



And Now John Goes to the Cross



1 John 4:8-9

- Anyone who does not love does not know God, **because God is love.** ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, **that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.**

Love Manifests Itself In

- **Patience**
- **Compassion**
- **Kindness**
- **Tolerance**
- **Politeness**
- **Self-control**
- **Respect**
- **Gratitude**





1 John 4:19–21

- **We love because he first loved us.**
²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: **whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

Love His Brother



Every ounce of potential racial or ethnic prejudice must be eradicated from a Christian's heart, mind, and soul.

The command to love our brothers and sisters has NO ethnic or racial limits or boundaries.



Galatians 5:22

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy,**

Joy



The emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires: delight

gladness



Present Joy

This joy will be interrupted and mitigated by life in a fallen world often mingled with sorrow

Future Joy

This joy will be uninterrupted and boundless in its application and experience for the believer



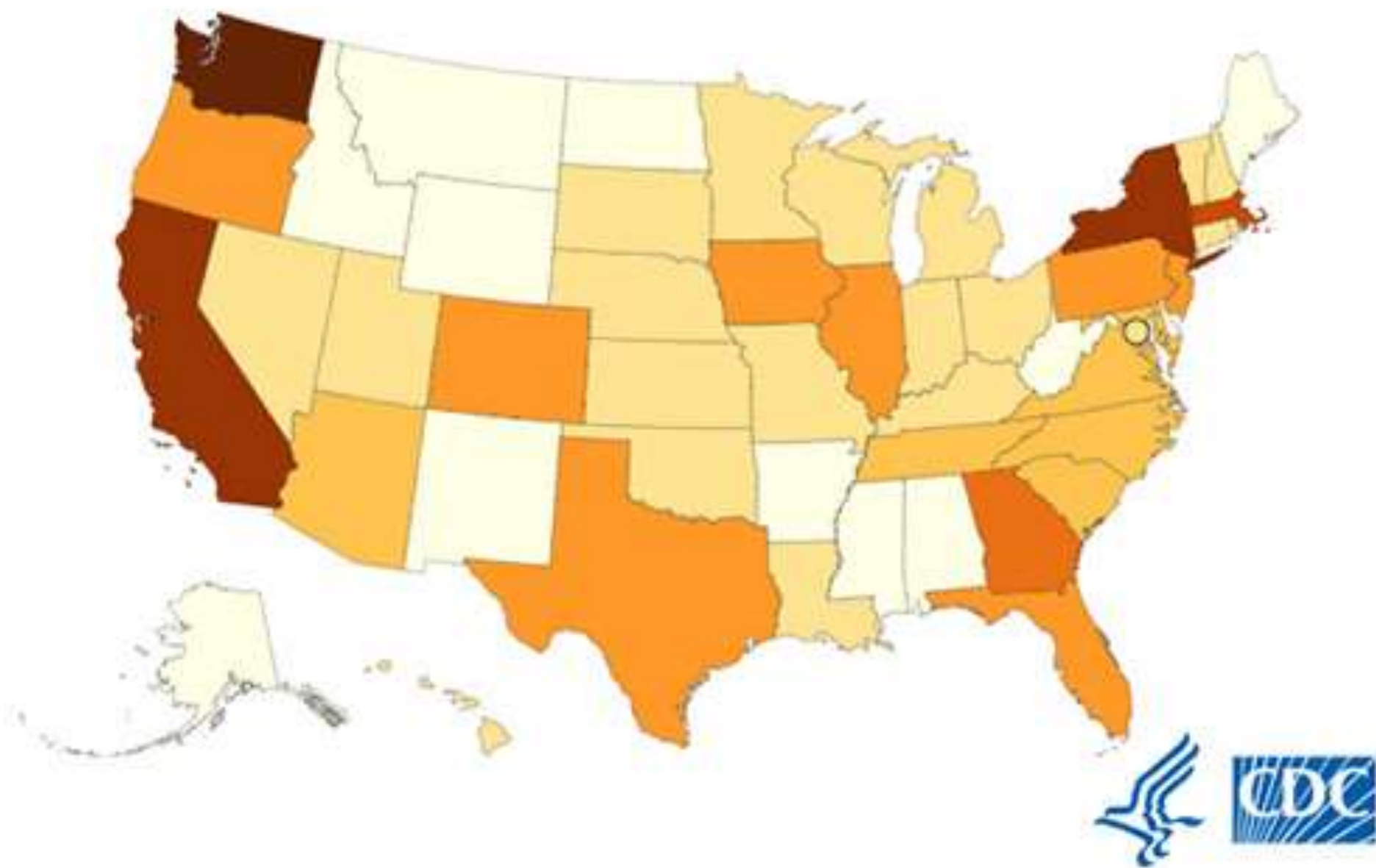
This is a Christocentric joy that derives its origin from a right relationship with the Creator through His Son.

It is to be distinguished from all other forms of joy. Joy from winning or getting something is not a fruit of the Spirit.



Turn to

Psalm 16



Teaching the **TRUTH**

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

David Writes



⁵ LORD, You are my portion and my cup of blessing; You hold my future. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I will praise the LORD who counsels me — even at night my conscience instructs me. ⁸ I keep the LORD in mind always. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.



Psalm 16:9-10 (CSB)

- Therefore **my heart is glad** and **my spirit rejoices**; my body also rests securely. ¹⁰ For You will not abandon me to Sheol; You will not allow Your Faithful One to see decay.



Psalm 16:11

- You make known to me the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy;** at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Psalm 20:5

- **May we shout for joy**
over your salvation, and in
the name of our God set up
our banners! May the LORD
fulfill all your petitions!

Then we will shout for joy at your victory
and fly our flags in the name of our God.





Psalm 51:12

- Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.



Future Joy

Isaiah 35:10



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- And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;

The ransomed are those who Jesus bought with his own blood on the cross and “shall return” describes the return of the all believers to a new heaven and new earth where God dwells with His people.



Isaiah 35:10

- everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy,
- and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



Nehemiah 8:10

- Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. **And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”**



The NT Has

2 Greek Words Relating to Joy

Rejoice, Be Glad, Joy



Lexicon :: Strong's G5463 - *chairō*

Aa

χαίρω

Transliteration

chairō

Pronunciation

khī'-rō (Key)



Part of Speech

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

A primary verb

Two Greek Words for Joy in the NT



Philippians 3:1; 4:4

- Finally, my brothers, **rejoice in the Lord.** To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.
- **Rejoice in the Lord** always; again I will say, **rejoice.**

Joy, Gladness



Lexicon :: Strong's G5479 - chara		Aa
χαρά		
Transliteration	Pronunciation	
chara	khä-rä' (Key)	
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)	
feminine noun	From χαίρω (G5463)	

Two Greek Words for Joy in the NT

This gladness in the Lord comes from:



- **Knowing our God**
- **Trusting in His Impeccable Character**
- **Declaring His goodness to Others**
- **Worshipping Him in Spirit and Truth**
- **Listening to others proclaim His glory**
- **Believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



**This joy is not
artificial or
superficial**

**And is often mingled
with sorrow**



Romans 12:15

[We]

- Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.



Hebrews 12:2

- looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



There is a **gladness** that is supposed to transcend our earthly reality because of our knowledge of our God and His Son and the Gospel.



Turn Again To

John 15



John 15:11

- These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, **and that your joy may be full.**

When will our joy be full?



Listen to the Words of Jesus

John 16:22



John 16:22

- So also **you have sorrow now,**
but I will see you again,
and your hearts will
rejoice, and no one will
take your joy from you.



Love, joy, and peace

Peace



- **A state of tranquility (free from turmoil)**
- **Freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions**
- **Harmony in personal relations**



John 14:27

- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.
- Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.



John 16:31–32

- Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.



John 16:33

- I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”



Romans 5:1

- Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**



Romans 12:18

- If possible, on your part, **live at peace** with everyone.



- **Being at peace with God**
- **Living at peace with others**
- **Praying for peace on the earth**

**are all manifestations of the
fruit of the Spirit**