



“But let all those who put their trust in You rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. For You LORD will bless the righteous; with favour You will encompass him as with a shield.” Psalm 5:11-12

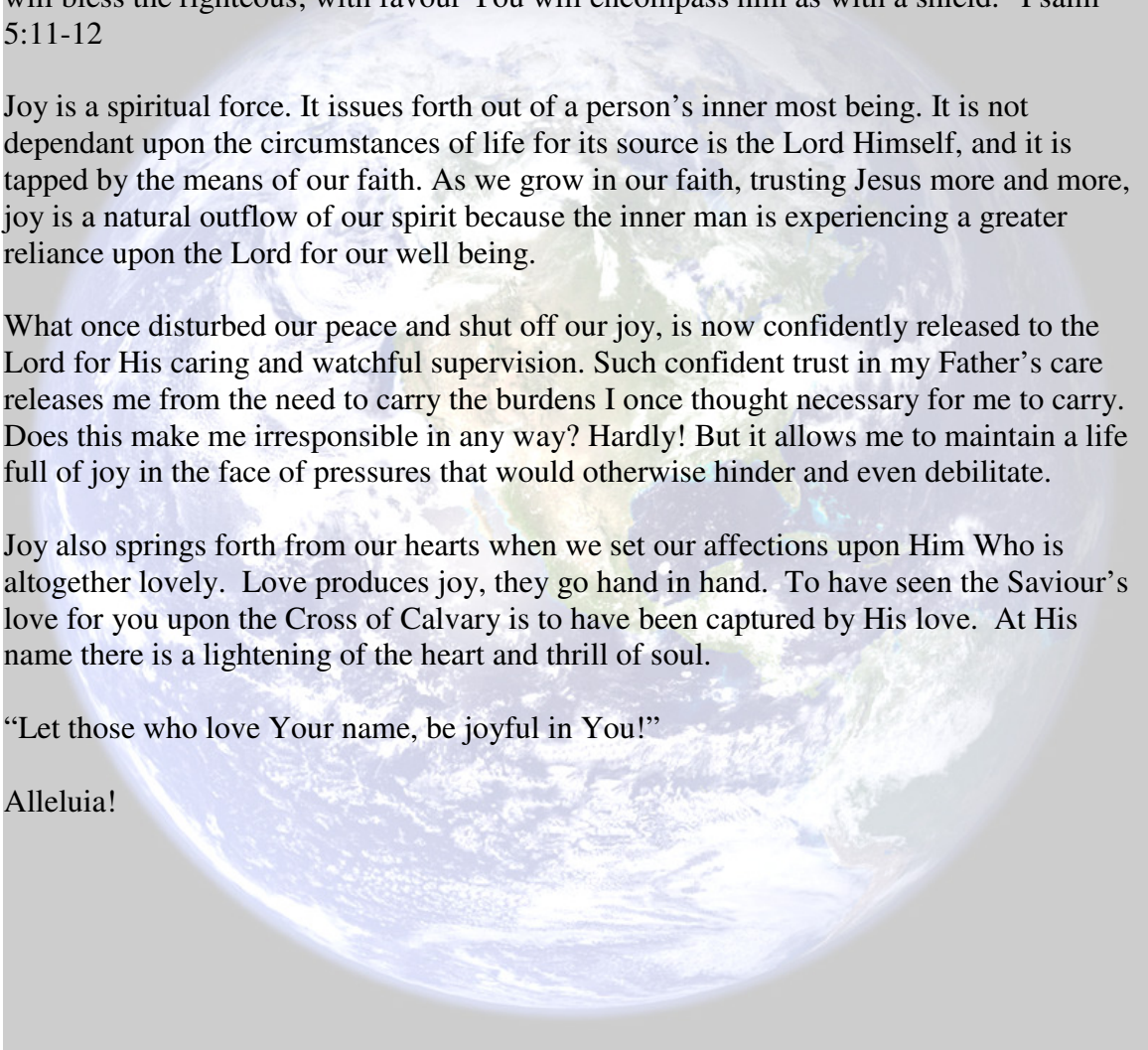
Joy is a spiritual force. It issues forth out of a person’s inner most being. It is not dependant upon the circumstances of life for its source is the Lord Himself, and it is tapped by the means of our faith. As we grow in our faith, trusting Jesus more and more, joy is a natural outflow of our spirit because the inner man is experiencing a greater reliance upon the Lord for our well being.

What once disturbed our peace and shut off our joy, is now confidently released to the Lord for His caring and watchful supervision. Such confident trust in my Father’s care releases me from the need to carry the burdens I once thought necessary for me to carry. Does this make me irresponsible in any way? Hardly! But it allows me to maintain a life full of joy in the face of pressures that would otherwise hinder and even debilitate.

Joy also springs forth from our hearts when we set our affections upon Him Who is altogether lovely. Love produces joy, they go hand in hand. To have seen the Saviour’s love for you upon the Cross of Calvary is to have been captured by His love. At His name there is a lightening of the heart and thrill of soul.

“Let those who love Your name, be joyful in You!”

Alleluia!



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