

The Fruit of Hope: Joy

Romans 12:9–12 (12a)

Introduction:

Christian Hope – is divinely powered by the Holy Spirit and it produces joy, love, boldness, and endurance in the life of all true believers.

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I. The 4 Fruits of Hope

- a. Hope bears the fruit of – Joy Rom 12:12a
- b. Hope bears the fruit of – Love
- c. Hope bears the fruit of – Boldness
- d. And Hope bears the fruit of – Endurance

II. 1st Question What is Christian Joy v.12a

- a. Christian Joy is not the act of human will power Gal 5:22
- b. Christian Joy is not Superficial and Flimsy 2 Cor 6:10
- c. Christian Joy is not Natural but Spiritual Rom 14:17
- d. There is a False Joy Matt 13:20-21

III. 2nd Question Can This Joy Be Commanded?

- a. Yes, God can Matt 5:12
- b. Again in 1 Thess 5:16
- c. And again in Phil 4:4
- d. Why are we commanded to have Joy-
 - i. Because God is infinitely worthy of our delight
 - ii. The only thing between God's command to rejoice is a sinful heart

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IV. 3rd Question How Can We Obey This Command?

- a. Because Joy, Hope, and the Holy Spirit work together in the life of a believer in all circumstances. Rom 5:2-5
- b. How to fight for Joy in Everyday Life
 - i. 1st acknowledge that by nature we are sinners and are helpless to become the kind of people who rejoice in the glory of God
 - ii. 2nd Cry out to the God of Hope that He would send His Holy Spirit and pour the love of God into our hearts
 - iii. 3rd Set our minds on the biblical promises and evidence of God's love for repentant sinners Rom 8: 35-39