

GET YOUR STRENGTH FOR 2019

joy

DECEMBER 30, 2018

I. Christian joy vs. happiness

II. What is true joy?

- A. It is an emotion of the soul.
- B. It's in the soul.
- C. The movements of the soul are produced by the Holy Spirit.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds” (James 1:2 NIV).

III. Joy is produced by staying close to Christ.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4 NIV).

IV. Remember who you are in Christ.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV).

"Joy" began to be used as a name by the 17th Century Puritans, with the idea of "being joyful in the Lord." It is a so-called "virtue" name, which some psychologists say puts an undue burden on a child to emulate the particular quality by which they are called. By the way, the name "Joy" was ranked #316 this past year....

If you have no joy, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere. —Billy Sunday



According to the World Happiness Report 2018, money does not buy happiness. Although the US ranks highly for per capita income, it is only ranked 18th out of 156 nations on the happiness meter, substantially below most comparably wealthy nations. And, by the way, the United States has the highest rate of anti-depressant use in the world with 11% of Americans over the age of 12 taking them.

Joy is not the absence of suffering; it is the presence of God.
—Sam Storms



Wednesday Prayer Nights, beginning January 9th

5:30pm dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:30pm worship & prayer in the Lower Auditorium
childcare provided

UPPERROOM DENVER / Citypoint Church Worship Night

Friday, January 18th

7:00pm in the Main Sanctuary