

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the Name of Jesus Who is our Source of JOY and Rejoicing.

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

It is the desire of the Lord that we live a life of great JOY. Notice that the verse says, "My JOY" so this is something that He is experiencing and wants to share with us. The question then is this; Why does He have such JOY? The answer is in the fact that He isn't disturbed by the current circumstances of the world, but is able to see the end from the beginning.

Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

We may only see all the evil in the world. All we see is dirt. What He sees is a place to plant seed and make a wonderful garden. His JOY comes from looking forward to the wonderful fruit in the garden.

Jude 1:24 "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding JOY,"

Even as they were crucifying Him He was able to look into the future and see Himself presenting all of us to the Father and that brought Him great JOY.

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the JOY that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

As we are; "Looking unto Jesus" we begin to see things from His perspective and then we can experience His JOY being fulfilled in us. It is all a matter of perspective.

Sometimes the things that are blatantly visible try to rob us of our joy but when we begin to see things from God's perspective our JOY increases.

1 Peter 1:8 "Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with JOY inexpressible and full of glory,"

Jesus prayed to the Father for us that His JOY would find it's fullness in us.

John 17:13 "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My JOY fulfilled in themselves."

Psalms 16:11 "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of JOY; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and JOY in the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill you with all JOY and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support.

Your Servant in Christ. ><> Wayne Brooke<><