Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the name of Jesus Who for the Joy that was set before Him, endured the Cross, despising the shame, and and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

We don't usually think of God as having and experiencing joy, but the truth is, that's where true joy comes from.

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."

Jesus is not only the author of faith but He is also our source of joy. You can't give something away you don't have.

Our question then has to be: What brings God Joy?

What brought Jesus joy, even while hanging on the cross, was the thought of presenting us to the Father.

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,"

Every time someone is born from above there is great joy in heaven.

Luke 15:7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

Jesus wants us to experience the same joy He experiences.

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."

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

To be in God's presence is to be in presence of great joy.

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."

I love going to the altar of God each day where I find that exceeding great joy.

Psalms 43:4 "Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God."

What brings God joy and gladness? Deliverance from all that hinders us.

Psalms 105:43 "He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness."

As we participate with God, in whatever He is doing, we also get caught up in His joy.

Nehemiah 8:10 "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

It is hard for us to realize how much God loves us and wants to be a part of everything we do but our lives do bring God great joy.

Zephaniah 3:17 "The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

YOU MAKE GOD SING FOR JOY!!!!