

# Joyful Christians

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”  
Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

**J**ust as we have a great variety of physical characteristics so the Christian community has a marvelous variety of experiences of grace.

We find some of the Lord's people have great faith and lead marvelous lives that are similar to George Mueller of Bristol, England. They seem to have such an intimate relationship with the Lord and glorify their Saviour with their marvelous deeds.

Some believers lead a life of special service through preaching, writing, and other such ministries. They go from one feat to another and their names are known by most believers.

Some, like Job endure much suffering and the grace of God is exhibited in a marvelous manner as they endure because they see Him Who is invisible.

(Hebrews 11:27). These remarkable people have grace to look beyond their present troubles to heaven itself where our beloved Saviour is seated at the Father's right hand.

But one grace that is common to all of the Lord's people is a joyful spirit. By this I do not mean that we are always walking around grinning or giggling.

Most of us must pass through painful seasons of life that try our faith to its limits. How then can we develop a spirit of rejoicing?

Joy is a flower that grows in the soil of Christian contentment. We must learn that whatever state we are in to be content.

One remarkable verse of Scripture in this regard is Hebrews 13:5 where the Lord tells us to be content with what we have be-

cause we have Him! The believer who is the poorest person on earth is the richest person because he/she has the Lord.

Our verse today focuses on the fact that the Lord has done marvelous things for His people. We have been loved and chosen before God uttered a creative word.

The Holy Spirit came to us and opened our hearts to the Way the Truth and the Life. The love of God has flooded our hearts and the peace of God sustains us in every crisis.

Can you find cause for rejoicing in these things Christian? Your Father in heaven waits to bless you and keep you so come to Him and come now seeking sustaining grace and the gift of joy.

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