



Putting the joy back into the journey.

Romans: 14:17. & Hebrews: 10:34.

When we lose sight of the grace of God in our life, we become negative in our view of the church and the kingdom of God.

Nowhere in scripture are we encouraged to be miserable. The only time misery is mentioned is with reference to the world. **Rom: 3:16; Gal: 4:9.**

Word *khah-ee-ro*, to be cheerful, calmly happy, rejoice and be glad found 74 times in the N.T.

Word *khar-ah*, cheerfulness, calm delight, joy found 60 times in N.T.

The people received Jesus' teaching with joy.

His birth brought joy.

John filled with joy at Jesus' coming.

Jesus full of joy when people received His teaching.

Jesus' teaching gives reference to joy.

Jesus is joyful at our salvation more than Satan's fall.

Jesus faced the cross with joy

Joy at His resurrection and His ascension.

Jesus wants us to have His joy.

No one can take it away, it gives Him joy when we ask, He gives us a full measure of joy.

Paul teaches about joy.

So do James, Peter, John, Jude, and Heb:

Some things that steal our joy.

Broken relationships.

Legalism.

"Legalism happens when we exchange our relationship with Christ for rules and regulations. It is a subtle trap that takes the focus off what God has done for you and slowly turns it into what you have done for God". (Rick Warren).

Dry relationship with God will kill your joy.

Our greatest testimony is our joy, people are attracted to our joy not our misery.