

# UNTWISTED

## Too Easily Pleased? (Joy)

Lesson Five - October 18, 2020

### INTRODUCTION

**God loves to untwist what is twisted.**

**What difference does Christianity make in the world if it does not make a difference in your life?**

*"...I came that they may have life, and have it **abundantly**." John 10:10 (NASB)*

*"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my **joy** within them." John 17:13*

*"...if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us; like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at sea. We are too easily pleased." C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory, pp. 3-4*

### THE JOY TALK

**Joy is a big deal in the Bible.**

*"...strength and joy are in his dwelling place." 1 Chronicles 16:27*

*...you [God] will fill me with joy in your presence... Psalm 16:11*

*"Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10*

*"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10*

*...the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and **joy** in the Holy Spirit... Romans 14:17*

**Joy overlaps suffering.**

*Consider it pure **joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds... James 1:2*

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### GETTING TO JOY

**Choose to draw near to God**

**Contemplate your good-news (gospel) reality.**

(See MPG "Glorify Section")



## MEMORIZE

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## PRAY

“Father, in You I have a future that surpasses my imagination. You, in love, have blessed me beyond what I could ever deserve. You are gracious beyond description. I am forgiven, so help me to live beyond guilt and shame. I am redeemed, so help me to live in the power of your grace and not under the power of sin. I am adopted as your child, so help me to live in Your love. I choose to live by the power of Your Spirit in me in joy. You have healed me. I am grateful. Thank you! In the name of Jesus, AMEN!”

## GLORIFY

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Multiple times each day I will contemplate the meaning of these three phrases and how they make an impact on the joy I experience as a disciple of Jesus each day.

I am a child of God.  
I am richly blessed.  
I live in God’s presence forever.