

GOD WITH US: JOY THAT'S AVAILABLE

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1. Joy is available, in Christ.

Joy: "that good feeling in the soul"-John Piper

"It's not the prayer that saves; it's the repentance and faith behind the prayer that lays hold of salvation."

-Pastor J. D. Greear

2. Joy is available, no matter what.

Joy in persecution uniquely points to Jesus.

3. Joy is available, as we anticipate.

The power of joy depends on the significance of what we anticipate.

"Joy is distinctly a Christian word and a Christian thing. It is the reverse of happiness. Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its springs deep down inside. And that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross."-SD Gordon