

What Brings You Joy?

Philippians 1:18b-26

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Christian Joy is more of an attitude or character quality. It is similar to the qualities of contentment and inner peace.

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*Anyone who does not have the Spirit of
Christ does not belong to him. (Rom.8:9)*

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said
to them . . . (Acts 4:8)*

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)

*But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
(Acts 7:55)*

But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, “You son of the devil. . . (Acts 13:9-10a).

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God will supply us with the power to stay faithful and honor our Lord –

if we will ask Him for it and then use it.