



# HOW TO HAVE JOY IN CHRIST

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- **Joy in Christ is a Process:**
  - **Christians are engaged in what is called sanctification.**
  - **The process of being transformed by Christ and being made more in the image of Him**
  - **Joy is a part of that process.**
  - **2 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 3:18**



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- **Cast Your Cares on God (vv.4-6):**

- **Be full of joy in the Lord v.4**

- **Joy killers. (excessive worry, fear, anxieties, etc.)**

**Matthew 6:34**

- **Give them to God**

**v.6 cf. 1 Peter 5:6-7**

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- **Dwell on the Good (vv.7-9):**
  - **Here God shows us what to replace fear and worry with.**
  - **Joy revivers. v.8**
  - **But do not simply just think on them, put them into practice. v.9**



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- Choose to Rejoice (**vv.10-14**):
  - Joy in a sense is a choice.
  - Paul gives us the key to lasting joy in Christ. **vv.10-14**
  - The key is contentment.  
**Habakkuk 3:18-19**

# “Africa”

Music: Isaac Watts

Lyrics: William Billings

**Now shall my inward joys arise and  
burst into a song: almighty love  
inspires my heart, and pleasures tune  
my tongue.**

**Why do we then indulge our fears,  
suspicions and complaints? Is He a  
God, and shall His grace grow weary  
of His saints?**