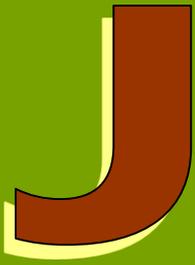


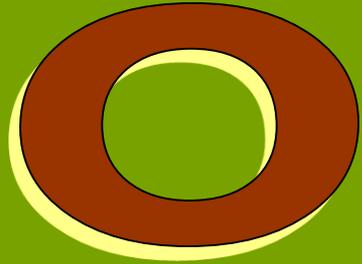
The JOY of Serving God!

“whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.”

1 Peter 5:8-9



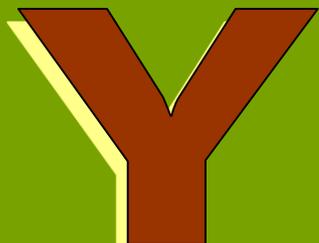
- **Joy to be able to serve God**
 - Romans 14:17
 - Galatians 5:22
 - Philippians 4:4



Joy Defined:

“a very glad feeling; happiness; delight; rejoice; gladden

- **Quality that expresses itself grounded in God and His Word**
 - Psalms 16:11
 - Psalms 35:9
 - Romans 5:11



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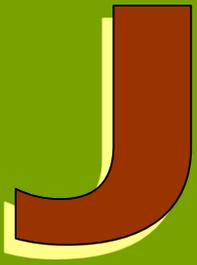
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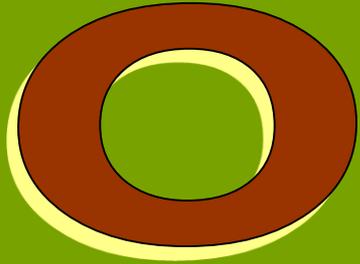
- **Joy experienced by those that serve God is wholesome**
 - Joy characterizes the Christian life
 - Christians are a happy people

“Happy are the people who are in such a state; happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

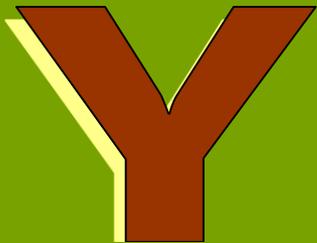
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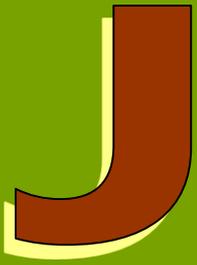


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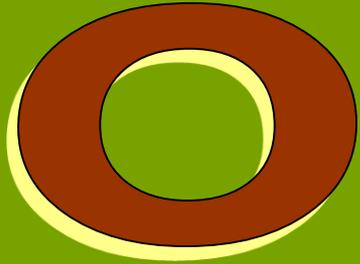


- **Joy marked the life of the church**
 - Acts 2:46; 8:5,8; 13:52
- **Joy is found through:**
 - **Progression in the faith**
 - Philippians 2:1-2

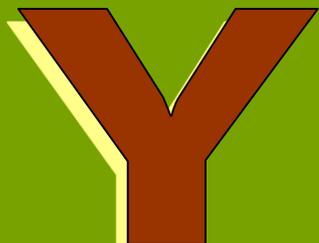


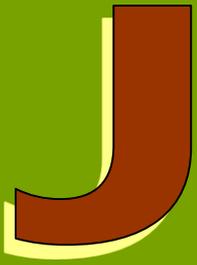
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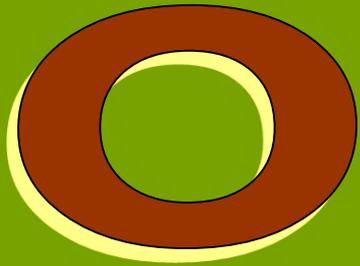
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- **Joy is found through:**
 - **Suffering and sorrow**
 - Colossians 1:24
 - Hebrews 10:34
 - 1 Peter 4:13

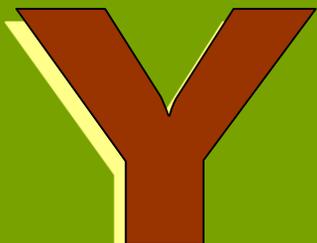
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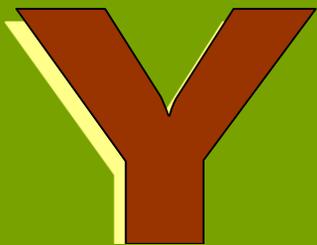
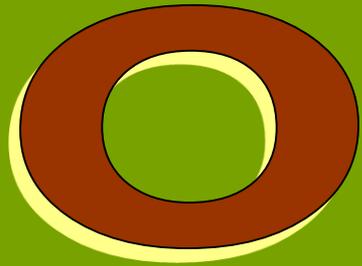
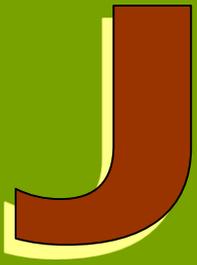


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- **When right – then happy!**
 - 2 Timothy 1:12
 - Romans 8:28
- **When going through trials**
 - James 1:2
 - 2 Corinthians 7:4
 - Matthew 5:10-12





- **We should have JOY in serving the Lord in all realms of life**
- **We are always in His presence and under His watchful eye**

Rejoice in the loving kindness of the Lord!