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Fullness Of Joy

Do you want to have fullness of joy? Do you want my joy to overflow your life? Yes, I want your fullness of joy to overflow my life. How can such a thing happen to me? How can this be true in my experience? **First, I have many more questions for you.** I'm listening. **Do you have anything that you have heard and seen or received from me that is worth sharing with others? Have I touched your life? Did I lift your life out of the muck and mire? Did I set your feet on solid ground? Have I healed your brokenness? Have I revived and refreshed and restored your soul? Have I forgiven your sins and cleansed your unrighteousness? Am I your Savior and Lord? Have I completely turned your life around and given you a brand-new life to live? Do you now have a new hope filled future, that will last forever? Do I have a plan and purpose for your life? Am I using you to accomplish my purposes and fulfill my plan? Is it now your joy to love me with all your heart and mind and soul and strength? Are you now running the race I have set before you? Is your life on course?** Yes Lord, you have done and are doing all these things for me. Yes, all that you have done and are doing for me is giving me great hope and peace and joy. You are certainly my Savior and Lord. My life is in your hands, nothing could make me more grateful and thankful. I do love you with all that is within me. **That is very good.**

Now then, lets come back to the topic of having your life overflowing with joy. I'd like that. **Keep on remembering all that I have done and am doing for you. Don't forget. Then simply tell others all that I have done and am doing for you. Then my fullness of joy will overflow your life. Can you do that? Can you remember? Can you tell others about all that I have done for you and the new life you have in me?** Yes Lord, I can and will do that. **Then you have my fullness of joy overflowing your life.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, thank you for using others to help me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. In the same way that you used others to help me to come to know you, use me to help others come to know you. Then together, we will all have fullness of joy. Amen

Promises*Make Our Joy Complete*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

NIV

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Fully Share Our Joy*

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

NLT

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Our Joy May Be Complete*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

NRSV

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Our Joy May Be Full*

[WE ARE writing] about the Word of Life [in] Him Who existed from the beginning, Whom we have heard, Whom we have seen with our [own] eyes, Whom we have gazed upon [for ourselves] and have touched with our [own] hands. And the Life [an aspect of His being] was revealed (made manifest, demonstrated), and we saw [as eyewitnesses] and are testifying to and declare to you the Life, the eternal Life [in Him] Who already existed with the Father and Who [actually] was made visible (was revealed) to us [His followers]. What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realize *and* enjoy fellowship as partners *and* partakers with us. And [this] fellowship that we have [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). And we are now writing these things to you so that our joy [in seeing you included] may be full [and *your* joy may be complete].

AMP

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Joy May Be Made Complete*

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

NASB

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Our Joy May Be Complete*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

ESV

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Your Joy May Be Full*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

NKJV

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Your Joy Will Double Our Joy*

From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

MSG

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Will Be Full Of Joy*

Christ was alive when the world began, yet I myself have seen him with my own eyes and listened to him speak. I have touched him with my own hands. He is God's message of life. This one who is life from God has been shown to us, and we guarantee that we have seen him; I am speaking of Christ, who is eternal Life. He was with the Father and then was shown to us. Again I say, we are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may share the fellowship and the joys we have with the Father and with Jesus Christ his son. And if you do as I say in this letter, then you, too, will be full of joy, and so will we.

TLB

1 John 1:1-4

Promises*Can Be Full Of Joy*

We write you now about what has always existed, which we have heard, we have seen with our own eyes, we have looked at, and we have touched with our hands. We write to you about the Word that gives life. He who gives life was shown to us. We saw him and can give proof about it. And now we announce to you that he has life that continues forever. He was with God the Father and was shown to us. We announce to you what we have seen and heard, because we want you also to have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with God the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to you so you can be full of joy with us.

NCV

1 John 1:1-4

Fully Share Our Joy

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – 1 John 1:1-4

In Context: *Read 1 John*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for using others to help me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. In the same way that you used others to help me to come to know you, use me to help others come to know you. Then together, we will all have fullness of joy. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you allowing God to use you to help others to come to know Him?

What have you heard and seen about Christ that you would like to share with others?

Who helped you to come to know and love and follow and serve the Lord?

How has the entire course of your life changed since you received Christ as your Savior and Lord?

How has being a part of a body of believers become an integral part of your faith in Jesus Christ?

Why is their double joy when you share Christ with someone who welcomes Him into their life?

How are you continually watching and praying for opportunities to share Christ with others?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to use you to help others to come to know Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will be filled with joy as you help others to come to know the Lord.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is using you to help others to come to know Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you share with others the joy you have found in Jesus Christ.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will share with others the joy I have found in you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I share with others the joy I have found in you?
