



EVANGELISM

PART 18 – Proclaiming With Joy
Luke 10:17-21





After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest....Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

LUKE 10:1-2, 9



LUKE 10:17-20

"The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'"





Rejoicing!

Joy (Gk. *chara*) is a feeling of great pleasure, of inner gladness or delight. Joy is an emotion evoked by a sense of well-being. It is a deep feeling of contentment, regardless of the circumstances around you.

Isaiah

14:12-15

12 "How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!

How you are cut down to the ground,
you who laid the nations low!

13 You said in your heart,
'I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God

I will set my throne on high;
I will sit on the mount of assembly
in the far reaches of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.'

15 But you are brought down to Sheol,
to the far reaches of the pit.



Do not rejoice...

Saw (Gk. *theōreō*) literally =
“was watching”
to observe like a spectator.
In the imperfect tense,
meaning observing
continuously (as they went
out)



LUKE 11:29 (SEE ALSO MATTHEW 16:1-4)

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say,
“This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign,
but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.”



The Lord's Protection and Preservation...

- **2 Thessalonians 3:3** "But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."
- **1 John 4:4** "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."
- **Romans 16:20** "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."
- **2 Corinthians 2:14** "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."

Hebrews 12:5-8, 10-11

"5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 10...he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Rejoice
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- **1 John 5:13** "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."
- **John 10:27-30** "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."
- **Revelation 3:5** "The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels."



WRITTEN (Gk *engraphō*) to formally record with permanence; perfect tense which speaks of a past completed action with ongoing results or effect

Daniel 12:1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found *written* in the book."



“Congratulations! You have just won the Reader’s Digest Five Million Dollar Sweepstakes!” Would that make you rejoice? “Congratulations! You have just been used of God to move a soul from eternal darkness to eternal light and life!” Now that should make the believer rejoice like nothing else! But all too

often, when we hear of a soul being saved, we respond with, “That’s nice. Hey, who do you think will win the Super Bowl?” Whatever makes us the happiest reveals our true values. Do we get more excited about temporal blessings or eternal ones? Do we get more excited about a new car or a new brother or sister in Christ?”

Steven Cole



LUKE 10:21

“In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.”





“In contrast to the notion that these profound truths are only for the elevated elite, Jesus’ chose infants as an illustration of those who understood...young children have nothing to boast of; they have not yet achieved anything in life, they are not educated, and they have no exposure to the world’s wisdom or knowledge. Only those who humbly admit their inability to know God in their own wisdom and knowledge apart from His revelation of Himself can be saved. Jesus was pleased with that truth because it gives all glory to God. Salvation belongs not to the intelligent, wise, proud, conceited, and boastful, but rather to those who are admittedly ignorant and foolish, humble, broken, and contrite.”

John MacArthur



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4