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For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.” Psalm 126:1-2

Joy is a(n) (SYNONYM OR ANONYM) OF Jesus

JOY – PLEASURE IN GOD

- Jesus is _____!
- Where did you get your sense of humor?
- Jesus had a sense of humor.
- *And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. Genesis 2:9*
- God is most important, essential, primary, and the main pursuit of our pleasure and joy.
- *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11*

Charles Spurgeon (“Prince of Preachers”) was once criticized for putting too much laughter into his sermons. Frivolous. Lacking gravity. His reply to a woman who had criticized him: “My good lady, if you only knew how much I restrain myself.”

JOY (PEACE) BECOMES ILLUSIVE WHEN THE MAIN THING ISN'T THE MAIN THING AND WHEN SECONDARY THINGS BECOME THE MAIN THING!

For the kingdom of God is... a matter... of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:17

- What's **PRIMARY** is **WHO** you are.
- What's **SECONDARY** is **WHAT** you do.
- When we get wrapped-up in and all our obsessive thoughts and discussions are around and about secondary things/stuff, then joy and peace become circumstantial and illusive.
- Our Kingdom **JOY** is anchored to Jesus and His restorative, redemptive work ... alone.

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