

"THE JOY OF THE LORD"

(Psalm 51:12)

Introduction: Surveys reveal one of the greatest desires of all people is to be **{happy}**!
Many are shocked to learn this is God's desire for people also!

I. IT IS **{REAL}**.

*John 15:11 *John 10:10 *John 16:22 *Psalm 16:11
*I Peter 1:7-8 *Galatians 5:22 *Acts 16:23-25 *Revelation 1:9-10
*Nehemiah 8:10c *Isaiah 61:1-3 *Habakkuk 3:17-18 *Philippians 4:3-4

Note: It is not dependent upon **{circumstances}**. Paul and Silas had joy in **{prison}**; John had joy in **{isolation}** on an island; Nehemiah had joy in **{foreign}** country; Isaiah had joy in time of **{sorrow}**; Habakkuk had joy in **{poverty}**....

II. IT CAN BE **{LOST}**.

*John 16:24 *Psalm 51:12 *Psalm 122:1 *Psalm 27:4-6
*Psalm 100:2-5 *Psalm 119:97 *Psalm 96:1-2 *Psalm 51:10

Illustration: David **{had}** it. He **{lost}** it. He sought to **{restore}** it (Psalm 51:12).

III. IT CAN BE **{RESTORED}**.

*Psalm 23:3 *Psalm 51:16-17 *Revelation 3:20 *Acts 3:19
*Psalm 32:1 *Luke 10:17-19 *Luke 10:20 *Malachi 3:7

Note: Sinners have a standing **{invitation}** to repent and be restored with their God!