

What the World Needs Now

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What the world needs now is _____

Christian _____ is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the _____ and in the _____. (John Piper)

1. _____ is a gift from God.

Galatians 5:22-25

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit

Before we move on, we need to be cautious:

1. _____ can steal our joy.
2. Worldly joy is _____.
3. **Joy comes from doing God's _____.**

Psalm 40:8

I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”

3. Joy comes from _____.

2 Chronicles 30:26

So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

1 Chronicles 15:16

David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

4. God is _____ to our joy.

Jeremiah 32:41

I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

1 Peter 1:8

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

“Joy is not optional: and the weight of it falls not on our weak backs, but on the almighty shoulders of God” (John Piper)