



- When believers meet together, joy and gladness should abound. Why is this? Let's look into our text and see why.

**First, because joy is indicative of \_\_\_\_\_ hearts.**

- *“O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.”*  
**Psalm 95:1-2**
- Thankful people are joyful people, and Christ puts a \_\_\_\_\_ of praise in your heart.
- *“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
**Ephesians 5:19-20**

**Second, because joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.**

- According to verse 43, Who made them to rejoice? It was \_\_\_\_\_ that made them to rejoice!

- *“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” Psalm 16:11*
- Joy is God’s \_\_\_\_\_! It comes from God.
- *“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.” Romans 15:13*

**Third, because joy is a testimony to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Christ wants to demonstrate His joy \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- *“And now come I (Christ) to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.” John 17:13*
- *“And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that we were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.” 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7*

**Fourth, because joy is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Your joy is not based on outward circumstances around you. Your joy is based upon \_\_\_\_\_ attitude and the daily choices \_\_\_\_\_ make.

*“And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation.” Psalm 35:9*