

## THE JOY OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

- I. Too often Christians don't manifest the joy they should experience.
  - A. Act worried.
  - B. Go around with a frown on their face.
  - C. Complain and fret about life.
  
- II. God's people are to be a joyful people.
  - A. David constantly praised God and was joyful. Ps 18:1-3
  - B. We should be joyful today as well.
  
- III. Reasons Christians should be joyful.
  - A. Hope of salvation.
  - B. Peace. Php 4:7
  - C. Inner strength. Php 4:13
  - D. Constant source of help for problems. Heb 13:5
  - E. Prayer.
  
- IV. Why are Christians unhappy?
  - A. Lack of faith.
  - B. Lack of appreciation for blessings.
  - C. Lack of love for God and His word.
  - D. Too much focus on self, not enough on others.
  
- V. Bible is full of information about joy.
  - A. Disciples had joy even after Jesus left them. Lk 24:52
  - B. Had joy at preaching of the gospel. Acts 8:4-8
  - C. Joy in persecution. Acts 13:50-52
  - D. Fruit of the Spirit is joy. Gal 5:22
  - E. We can give joy to others. Philemon 7
  - F. Joy in temptation. I Pet 1:7
  
- VI. Results of Joy in our lives.
  - A. Happiness.
  - B. More energy.
  - C. Healthier. Prov 17:22
  - D. Better relationships.
  - E. Singing. Col 3:16
  - F. Praise to God.
  - G. Influence on others.

### Conclusion:

Christians should be a happy people. Even Paul and Silas sang and were joyful in prison. How much more should we be happy and joyful in our lives?