

JOY IN ACTS / *Acts 2:46-47*

Wherever the gospel message went, it brought joy to those who believed. Follow this theme through the book of Acts:

- 2:46 “They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.”
- 5:41 “The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer dishonor for the name of Jesus.”
- 8:8 [Philip in Samaria] “So there was great joy in that city.”
- 8:39 “When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.”
- 11:23. “When he [Barnabas] arrived and saw this proof of God’s favor, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.”
- 12:14. “When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, ‘Peter is standing at the door!’”
- 13:48. [In Iconium] “When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and all who were appointed to eternal life became believers.”
- 13:52. “And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”
- 14:17. [Paul speaking in Lystra] “But he never left himself without a witness. There were always his reminders, such as sending you rain and good crops and giving you food and joyful hearts.”
- 15:3 “The church sent the delegates [Paul and Barnabas] to Jerusalem, and they stopped along the way in Phoenicia and Samaria to visit the believers. They told them—much to everyone’s joy—that the Gentiles, too, were being converted.”
- 15:31. “And there was great joy throughout the church that day as they read this encouraging message.” [the letter from Jerusalem]
- 16:34. “Then he [the Philippian jailer] brought them into his house and set a meal before them. He and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.”