

Celebrating Sacred Joy

Part 2

I. Joy and Happiness Are **Not** the **Same** and Must Not Be **Confused**

- A. Happiness Is a Temporal, Subjective Emotional Feeling in Response to and **Dependent** on **External** Circumstances One Deems to be Good, Beneficial, Pleasurable cf Gen. 30:9-13; 2 Chr. 7:10; Psalm 128:2; Eccl. 4:16; Jer. 20:15; Jonah 4:6-7
- B. Biblical Spiritual-Joy Abides **Permanently** and **Independently** of External Circumstances

(See previous note sheet for all sub points)

II. **What** Is Supernatural Biblical-Spiritual Joy

- A. Supernatural Biblical-Spiritual Joy **Cannot** Be Fully **Explained** cf 1 Pet. 1:8

*“Whom (refers to Jesus Christ in verse 7) **having, not seen, ye love; in Whom though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable / inexpressible** (NASB, ESV, NIV, NKJV) **indescribable** (NRSV) **and full of glory.**” 1 Pet. 1:8*

- 1. The Word **Unspeakable** (KJV) / **Inexpressible** (NASB, ESV, NIV, NKJV) **Indescribable** (NRSV) Is the Translation of the Greek Word ἀναεκλάλητος English Transliteration **anaeklaletos** the Word Is Not Used Again in the Scriptures = That Which Cannot Be Expressed in Words, Beyond Description; “. . .to which words are **inadequate**” Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament
- 2. This Joy Is Not Fully Explainable Because It Is a **Supernatural** Spiritual joy: Supernatural Because the **Nature, Origin** and **Source** of the Joy Are Divine cf 2 Chr. 20:27; Ezra 6:22; Neh. 8:10; 12:43; Psalm 40:16; 51:8; 86:4; 90:14-15; 92:4; Isa. 16:10; 24:8, 11; 32:13-14; 56:7; 60:15; Jer. 7:34; 16:9; 25:10; 31:13; 48:33; Hosea 2:13; Jonah 4:6; Lk. 10:21; Joel 1:16; Jn. 15:11; 17:13; Acts 13:52; 14:17; Rm. 14:17; 15:13; Gal. 5:22; 1 Thess. 1:6; Heb. 1:9
 - a. The words **‘of glory’** (NASB, ESV, NKJV, KJV) / **‘glorious’** (NIV, NRSV) δοξάζω English Transliteration **doxazo**: Perfect Tense, Form Denotes the Joy Has Been Made and **Remains** Glorious Joy
 - b. This Joy Is **Permeated** with Glory
 - c. The Greek Verb δοξάζω English Transliteration **doxazo** Is Related to the Cognate Noun δόξα English Transliteration **Doxa** a Word with Several

Senses Including the Thought of the **Nature, Essence** of God
cf Ex. 33:18-34:9; Jn. 1:14; 2:11; Jn. 11:40-44; Rm. 3:23; 6:4 cf Eph. 1:19-
20; Rm. 9:23; 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:4, 6; Col. 1:11; Heb. 1:3; Rev. 15:8

- d. Joy '***full of glory***' the Translation of the Greek Perfect Participle
δεδοξαμένη English Transliteration ***dedoxasmene*** = Having Been Given
That Which Characterizes the Reflective Radiance of the Glory, = the
Essence, the **Nature** of God
3. The **Paradoxical** Nature of Supernatural Biblical Joy Makes It Difficult to Fully
Explain: It Can **Survive** and Even **Thrive** during Hardships, Sufferings,
Afflictions, Tribulations, Sadness, Sorrow cf Mt. 5:11-12; Lk. 6:23; Acts 5:40-41;
2 Cor. 7:4, 13; 8:2; Col. 1:11, 24; Philipp. 2:18; 1 Thess. 1:6; Heb. 10:33-34;
James 1:2; 1 Pet. 4:13