

# Joy to the World

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## Unconditional Joy

Is it possible to love without conditions? Is it possible to have faith without conditions? Is it possible to have joy without conditions? When we love to love God for His own sake, unconditional joy can be a reality.

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## Discussion Questions

1. When you were younger, was there ever a gift or a present of some sort that you absolutely *longed for* for Christmas? The kind of gift you told your parents, "If you get me this, I will never ask for anything again"? What was it? Did you get it?
  2. Have you ever been in a conditional relationship? The kind where you realized that you (or the other person) was only in it for *something*? Share and discuss.
  3. Many of us approach God with the mindset of, "God, what have you done for me *lately*?" and tend to forget all of His blessings. Have you found yourself in this position? Discuss.
  4. Have you found yourself approaching God with the mentality of, "Okay, God...I'll say 'Thy will be done', but then You have to do..."? Discuss.
  5. The children in the Japanese concentration camp were able to live in joy because they were rooted in a trust without condition. Not the trust that they would live, but the trust that "God is here". Please share your thoughts on this and discuss.
  6. John Piper stated that "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him". What is the biggest obstacle to being "most satisfied in God" in your life this week? Discuss.
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## God in Real Life

1. This week, take at least five minutes each day to thank God for the blessings that He gave you that day.
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## To the Heart

"Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you." (Isaiah 12:6)