

***"Happy is that
people, whose God
is the Lord."***

Psalm 144v15.

"Happy is that people, whose God is The Lord."
What makes you happy?
Does this happiness last very long?
God gives us many legitimate tings to enjoy
but the world offers many sinful things which,
if we enjoy them,

we are being rebellious sinners.
Have you noticed that people in the news
and on TV are not truly happy,
They put on a show, but it is a façade.
Let us not be influenced by them or copy them.
Sin destroys happiness.

Have you noticed that our country VA

is under God's judgement?

Covid was a judgment.

Inflation

Stress and strain

Mental illness

Crime is on the increase

Drugs and drink.

True Happiness: -

1. God is the True Source of all Happiness. VA

Spiritual happiness brings peace

and joy to our soul. Galatians 5vs22,23. VA

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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Challenge – Are we saved?

Do we possess the Gift of The Holy Spirit?

2. Worldly Happiness: - VA

God gives Happiness to all.

To enjoy good music, art, literature, experiences, etc.

The World offers many sinful experiences.

Satan, our enemy, wants us to indulge.

To spoil our happiness.

Bringing short term happiness which soon turns into regret, sadness and disappointment.

Eventually eternal regret. Away from God.

The unbeliever looks in the wrong place for joy, VA

peace, and satisfaction.

Challenge – Do we try to enjoy worldly, sinful, happiness?

3. We note that there are 2 kinds of God.

a. False gods and false religions.

Man made, Some even based on Christianity,

b. There is only ONE True God.

The God of the Bible.

He is One God in 3 Persons.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

He is eternal and immutable.

He is Sovereign in Creation, Providence, and in Redemption.

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Nothing happens outside of His Sovereign or Permissive will.

Challenge – Do you believe in the One True God?

4. Joy of The Godhead: - VA

The Father – Isaiah 53v10

"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him".

On the cross the Saviour took our place under His Father's holy wrath.

John 3v16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son."

The Son – "For the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame."

Hebrews 12v2.

Joy and Happiness from Heaven

as Christ's Birth is Announced: - VA

The Angels brought Joy and Peace to this Sin-sick World.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

Luke 2v10. VA

Joy and Happiness on Earth: - VA

o **The Shepherds.**

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing, which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2v15.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Luke 2v20.

o **The Wise Men from The East. VA**

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Matt 2v10.

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o **Believers.**

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"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 15v13.

Challenge – Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ came to die on the cross to save you from the guilt of your sin?

Did He die to save you?

To reconcile you to God.

Joy and Happiness in Heaven Over a Sinner Saved: -

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The Angels – "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Luke 15v7,10.

Joy and Happiness in Eternity. VA

"Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Jude 1v21.

At this time of the year it is customary to say to our friends "Happy New Year".

We all want a Happy New Year.

Many today are desperate for Happiness.

Yet they will do everything to avoid the ONE who is able to give them it.

True Happiness is experienced only when our sin is forgiven and its guilt is removed.

Come, trust in the Saviour today and go into 2026 with God as your King and Lord of Lords.

Important Thought for us Today:

Things we should resolve to do as we start a new year.

- 1. If we do not know Jesus Christ as our Saviour, then seek Him earnestly.**
- 2. Foster a love of holiness and a hatred of sin. Be aware of your sinful desires.**
- 3. Avoid friendship with the world and its sinful ways.**
- 4. Daily seek God's forgiveness and be ready to forgive others.**
- 5. Read God's Word daily and prayerfully meditate upon it. Morning and evening.**
- 6. Spend time alone with God in worship, praise and adoration.**
- 7. Invite God into all aspects of your daily life. Trust the Lord and be happy.**
- 8. Remind yourself of God's protecting armour in Ephesians 6 and put each piece on.**
- 9. Avoid leaning on your own understanding. Seek wisdom and guidance from God.**
- 10. Avoid excessive use of social media and its sinful aspects.**