

Joy to the World Psalm 98

What is joy? Joy is a delight in God and salvation for the sheer beauty and worth of knowing Christ.

“If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

1. Prepare room in your heart and life for more joy in Jesus. (Psalm 98:1–3)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing

Jesus as an afterthought or add-on accessory to your plan can never deliver authentic joy.

2. Entrust your joy-killing anxiety to Jesus as King over the Earth. (Psalm 98:4–6)

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy

First, view life’s happenings in light of the sovereign goodness of God.

Second, ask God to transform your anxieties into a joy-filled burden for people far from Jesus.

“Missions Exists Because Worship Doesn’t.”—John Piper

3. Experience joy by battling sin with truth and grace. (Psalm 98:7–9)

No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found.	He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love
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“And to Adam he said ... “cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.” (Genesis 3:17–18, ESV)

“Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8)

“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17)