



THIS JOY THAT I HAVE
The Principles of Joy- Part 4
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Luke 15 (1-10)

Joy is expressed in how God **Supplies**

Joy is expressed in how God comforts us in **Suffering**

Joy is expressed in how God brings liberation to lost **Souls**

The Bible has so much to say about how JOY and SALVATION work together.

- When the Sinner finds Christ - **Matthew 2:10 - Acts 8:36-39**
- When Salvation comes to a city- **Acts 8:8**
- When we hear of others being Saved - **Acts 15:3**

I. THE SHEEP in Luke 15:4

- A. We are sheep
 - B. Sheep sometimes wander away from the fold—
 - C. Lost sheep have no place to rest—
 - D. We are in need of a shepherd—
- Isaiah 53:6**
Jeremiah 50:6
1 Peter 2:25

II. THE SEARCH in Luke 15:4

- A. The shepherd leaves his flock to go find the lost sheep.
 - B. Christ, as the Good Shepherd, searches for lost sheep.
 - C. That was His whole purpose in coming—
- Luke 19:10**

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D. He loves us like we were His only sheep-

Matthew 9:36

III. THE SUPPORT in Luke 15:5

- A. The shepherd took the sheep in his arms and carried it.
- B. Jesus will take us in His arms and carry us to safety -
- C. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us

Matthew 11:28

IV THE SHOUT in Luke 15:5b-6

- A. “Shout” = “Leaping, Dancing, Rejoicing”-
- B. The shepherd rejoiced
- C. The friends and neighbors rejoiced

Psalms 107:1-2

V THE SALVATION in Luke 15:7

- A. “Joy shall be in heaven”
- B. The redeemed in heaven rejoice over a sinner that repents---a lost sheep that comes home.

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