

JOY

JOY (הִשְׂמֶחֶה, simchah; χαρά, chara). Closely related to gladness and happiness, although joy is more a state of being than an emotion, a result of choice. One of the fruits of the spirit ([Gal 5:22–23](#)). Having joy is part of the experience of being a Christian.

Source-LOGOS

Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit; it is expected of Christians because it is the natural result of having received salvation. The joy comes on account of what Christ has done, irrelevant of whatever other circumstances are happening in one's life.

Source- Lexham Bible Dictionary

A significant number of words in the Bible have been translated as “joy.” The most common are:

- The Hebrew הִשְׂמֶחֶה (simchah)—meaning “joy,” “mirth,” or “gladness” along with the closely related verbal adjective הִשְׂמֵחַ (sameach).
- The Greek χαρά (chara)—meaning “joy” or “gladness” and the closely related verbal form, χαίρω (chairō), meaning “to rejoice or be glad.”

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