

Word	Parse	Meaning	Notes
V.11			
Ταῦτα	fplacc	These things	Whatever He is speaking to them.
λελάληκα	1spfaind	I have spoken	What did He speak? Is it the things He is speaking at that moment, or all the things that He has been speaking since He used the perfect verb?
ὑμῖν	mpldat	To you all	
ἵνα	Purpose	So that	
ἡ χαρὰ	fsnom	The joy	So, then the intended effect of all His words, then, is joy in those disciples. How incredible.
ἡ ἐμῆ	Fsnom/Emphatic pronoun/adjectival	Me!Mine!	
ἐν	prep	In	
ὑμῖν	Personal pronoun	You all	
ἦ	3s aasub	It might be	
καὶ	conj	And	
ἡ χαρὰ	fsnom	The joy	
ὑμῶν	mplgen	Of you	Possessive
πληρωθῆ	3s ppassind	It might be made full	This is referring to the joy of the disciples.

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Jesus desires that His joy, in kind, might be in them as well. Therefore, like He obeyed His Father and experienced joy in Himself, so also He wishes for the disciples to obey His words and have joy in themselves as well just as He did.

What is His joy?

Why would He want them to have joy?

Hebrews 12:1-2

Jesus, the Example

- Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.
- Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

"These things I have spoken to you"

	 <b>NASB95</b>	 <b>UBS4</b>
<a href="#">John 14:25</a>	<p>“<a href="#">These things I have spoken to you</a> while abiding with you.</p>	<p><a href="#">Ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν</a> παρ’ ὑμῖν μένων·</p>
<a href="#">John 15:11</a>	<p>“<a href="#">These things I have spoken to you</a> so that My joy may be in you, and <i>that</i> your joy may be made full.</p>	<p><a href="#">Ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν</a> ἵνα ἡ χαρὰ ἡ ἐμὴ ἐν ὑμῖν ᾗ καὶ ἡ χαρὰ ὑμῶν πληρωθῇ.</p>
<a href="#">John 16:1</a>	<p>“<a href="#">These things I have spoken to you</a> so that you may be kept from stumbling.</p>	<p><a href="#">Ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν</a> ἵνα μὴ σκανδαλισθῆτε.</p>

<p><a href="#">John 16:4</a></p>	<p>“But <a href="#">these things I have spoken to you</a>, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.</p>	<p>ἀλλὰ <a href="#">ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν</a> ἵνα ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἡ ὥρα αὐτῶν μνημονεύητε αὐτῶν ὅτι ἐγὼ εἶπον ὑμῖν. Ταῦτα δὲ ὑμῖν ἐξ ἀρχῆς οὐκ εἶπον, ὅτι μεθ’ ὑμῶν ἦμην.</p>
<p><a href="#">John 16:25</a></p>	<p>“<a href="#">These things I have spoken to you</a> in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.</p>	<p><a href="#">Ταῦτα</a> ἐν παροιμίαις <a href="#">λελάληκα ὑμῖν</a>· ἔρχεται ὥρα ὅτε οὐκέτι ἐν παροιμίαις λαλήσω ὑμῖν, ἀλλὰ παρρησίᾳ περὶ τοῦ πατρὸς ἀπαγγελῶ ὑμῖν.</p>
<p><a href="#">John 16:33</a></p>		<p><a href="#">ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν</a> ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ εἰρήνην ἔχητε· ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ θλίψιν ἔχετε· ἀλλὰ θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ νενίκηκα τὸν κόσμον.</p>

**Introduction**

The world's joy vs. the joy of God.

If God is the source of joy, then no pleasure on earth will give you joy.

**His words**

**His joy**

**Their joy**

**V.11 "I have spoken these things to you all in order that/for the purpose that My joy might be in you and you joy might be fulfilled."**

**"His words"**

"I have spoken these things to you all..." = whatever He spoke.

Does this include all that He has said to this point, or simply what He is saying in this discourse?

It all starts in John 14:25 = "these things I have spoken while abiding with you..."

Therefore, Jesus is speaking of all that He has said since beginning to remain with these men until now, and including, logically, all that He will say up to his ascension.

That is, all that Jesus has said to them is in view here.

Notice the other verses:

V. 15:11 = joy

V. 16:1 = kept from stumbling

V. 16:4 = perseverance in severe persecution.

V. 16:25 = figurative language = veiled language

V.16:33 = peace

These are Jesus' intentions in speaking His Word: peace, free from stumbling, perseverance, eventual understanding, and peace.

These are the things that matter.

Temporal needs and care for the things of this world are the Father's concern-always has been.

However, we must seek to carry out, fulfill, promote, extend, the kingdom for the Son. In that we have the results of the "things" Jesus spoke.

Why does Jesus even say this?

## The Power of Joy Produced By His Word

I am amazed at His intense concern for these men.

I continue to see the unfolding of His commitment and love for them in this “mashal,” as well as this entire discourse.

It is good of John to record all of this.

It is good of the Holy Spirit to record all of this.

In this case, one of the intended results of His Words is joy.

“...In order that....”

Jesus has a purpose behind all that He said.

He has wished, all along, to produce joy in these men.

How?

The only way to see the joy of God produced in you is through obedience in the context of ministry.

For example:

Hebrews 12:1-3

<b>HIS JOY</b>
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“...My joy...”

What kind of joy did Jesus have?

What is the quality of His joy?

The illustrations are endless.

However, there are passages that explain it to us in clear form.

Start at Luke 15:

Vv. 1-7 = the lost sheep is found.

Notice here that the statement that initiated this parabolic teaching was the grumbling of the Pharisees in v. 2.

Grumblers have no joy-so repent from grumbling about others and God’s work in you.

Main point:

7 “I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Vv. 8-10 = the lost coin is found.

Main point:

10 “In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Vv. 11-32 = the lost son.

32 ‘But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and *has begun* to live, and *was* lost and has been found.’ ”

Notice that the repeating component in these parables is joy over something/someone lost, separated from the owner, and consequently found by the owner.

It is joy that is experienced by God in these things.

It is joy that is experienced by Jesus Christ in these things.

And, it is joy that is experienced by us in these things.

### **Overview of joy/rejoicing in the NT:**

Matthew 5:12 = rejoice when you persecuted like a prophet because of the reward in heave.

Matthew 18:12–14 = the joy that the Father has in recovering a lost sheep. Jesus says that there is more joy in the heart of the Father in recovering a son of God out of sin than in 99 sons of God staying “clean.”

12 “What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

13 “If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

14 “So it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

**NOTE: therefore, realize that when we pursue a sinning brother in church discipline, we are ultimately hoping to give joy to the Father in returning that sinning brother back to Him (vv. 15-17).**

Luke 10:20 = joy that our names are recorded in heaven.

John 8:56 = he joy of Abraham upon seeing the “day” of Messiah/seeing Messiah.

## The Power of Joy Produced By His Word

John 14:28 = the disciple should have rejoiced for Christ upon His return to the Father... but they did not.

John 20:20 = the disciples rejoiced when Jesus returned to them after His resurrection.

Acts 5:41 = the apostles rejoiced for suffering for the name of Jesus Christ.

## Acts 8:4–8

- 4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.
- 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming Christ to them.
- 6 The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.
- 7 For *in the case of* many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out *of them* shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.
- 8 So there was much rejoicing in that city.

Acts 16:34 = the joy of the centurion who submitted to Christ and his household.

1 Corinthians 13:6 = a component of love is that it “rejoices” in the truth.

2 Corinthians 6:10 = pervasive joy in light of suffering.

2 Corinthians 13:11 = the instructions from Paul to the faithful Corinthians to “rejoice.”

Philippians 2:14-18 = the joy of pouring oneself out as a drink offering in ministry and sharing that peculiar joy with the entire household of God. This is why we should not grumble and complain.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 = rejoice always<sup>1</sup>!

## 1 Peter 4:12–14

- 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;
- 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.
- 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

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<sup>1</sup> *But, please, remember; this is a joy that comes from the things of God, His kingdom, His work, His person, His glory. This is not the “joy” of things of this world, its kingdom its work, its glory. The best of this world does not, cannot, produce joy since the Holy Spirit simply does not support this world.*

Revelation 18:20

20 “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.”

Revelation 19:7–8

- 7 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”  
8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Summary: true joy, holy joy, righteous joy is only the joy that is in God. Therefore, finding joy, well-being from this world, from everything being under control in this world, is sinful.

NOTE: it is true that God richly supplies us with all things to “enjoy.” However, that is not the same word and therefore is not the same thing. In creation, enjoy the created world. However, do not think that it is the same as the joy that is in the heart of God<sup>2</sup>.

**THEIR JOY**

“...Your joy...”

“...Be made full/fulfilled...” John 3:29

Here John the Baptist illustrates the quality of his joy at the coming of Christ. It is the friendly exuberance of a friend of a bridegroom coming to get his bride.

This is the conclusion of anticipation of his coming.

In like manner, John had been waiting for Messiah and here He is!

Like relationship, unity, and love Jesus Christ desires that these men, and us, share in the joy of the Father.

John 17:13

The prayer of Jesus Christ is that the joy of these men would be “fulfilled” “in themselves,” that is in their souls, hearts, minds, and expressed in their behavior.

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<sup>2</sup> Ecclesiastes 5:18–20

18 Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one’s labor in which he toils under the sun *during* the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward.

19 Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.

20 For he will not often consider the years of his life, because God keeps him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

## The Power of Joy Produced By His Word

Beloved, this is not silly giddiness.

This is not pleasure.

This is not hedonism.

This is not a well-being that comes from having all your bills paid, children together, and a perfect marriage.

It comes from God.

It is a righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Galatians 5:22 = only a product of the New Covenant.

In the Old Covenant, joy was supposed to be the condition of festivals.

However, they could never produce it.

## Deuteronomy 12:6–9

- 6 “There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.
- 7 “There also you and your households shall eat before the Lord your God, and rejoice in all your undertakings in which the Lord your God has blessed you.
- 8 “You shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man *doing* whatever is right in his own eyes;
- 9 for you have not as yet come to the resting place and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you.

## Deuteronomy 16:10–14

- 10 “Then you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the Lord your God blesses you;
- 11 and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite who is in your town, and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the Lord your God chooses to establish His name.
- 12 “You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.
- 13 “You shall celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat;
- 14 and you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your towns.

“...It might be fulfilled...” = made full or carry out a predetermined condition.

Jesus seems to be saying that their joy is a predetermined condition that must be fulfilled, or brought to pass.

This verb is most often associated with the fulfillment of a prophecy.  
That is, to bring to pass a prophecy that was formally spoken in the prophets.

le. John 19:36

36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken."

It is very reasonable to believe that God has ordained your joy in ministry as a benefit of faithfulness.

John followed the same pattern as the Lord in his first epistle.

1 John 1:4

4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

Conclusion

Pastorally, the Words of Christ are the source of joy for the believer.  
They are not burdensome, heavy, or stone-cold.

The pursuit of obedience to those words is the joy of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit...but also the joy of leaders in the church who labor to see Christ formed in the saints.

Hebrews 13:17

17 Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

It only takes one saint to walk out of step from Jesus' Words and it can destroy the joy of the entire church.