The Joy of Serving the Lord

There is great joy in serving the Lord that is not found in serving Satan

- Hebrews 11:24-26
- "Passing Pleasures"
  - Proverbs 13:15
- Reproach of Christ – Greater Riches
  - 1 Peter 1:5-9
  - Philippians 4:4

True Rejoicing is *IN THE LORD*

There is great joy in serving the Lord because our past sins are forgiven

- Matthew 13:44
- Acts 8:8; 16:34
- Romans 6:23

There is great joy in serving the Lord because we are richly blessed

- Ephesians 1:3-7
  - Chosen in Christ, not separated
  - Adopted, not forsaken
  - Accepted, not rejected
  - Forgiven, no longer a great debt

There is great joy in serving the Lord because of the knowledge of divine favor

- Hebrews 13:20-21
- 2 Timothy 2:19
- 1 John 3:22
- Romans 5:6-11; 1
- Romans 2:5
- Psalm 32:1-6; 51:12
- John 8:32
- 2 Timothy 1:12
- 1 John 4:17

There is great joy in serving the Lord because of the privileges in Christ

- 1 Timothy 4:8
- 1 John 3:1-2a
- Romans 8:14-15
- 1 John 5:14-15
- 1 John 1:8-9
- Psalm 51:8

There is great joy in serving the Lord because we can worship God acceptably

- John 4:24

- Philippians 3:3

- Consider these joys:
  - Philippians 1:4
  - Colossians 3:16
  - 1 Corinthians 11:26
  - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 11-15
  - Acts 15:31

There is great joy in serving the Lord because of exceedingly precious promises

- 2 Peter 1:3-4
- Romans 5:2
- Hebrews 3:6
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- James 1:2
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Hebrews 13:5-6

There is great joy in serving the Lord because of fellowship with like-minded

- Romans 12:15
- 1 Corinthians 12:26
- 2 Corinthians 7:7, 9
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20
- 3 John 3, 4

There is great joy in serving the Lord because

- Our past sins have been forgiven
- We are richly blessed
- Of knowledge of divine favor
- Of our current privileges in Christ
- We can worship God acceptably
- Of exceedingly precious promises
- Of fellowship with like-minded

These are all reasons for great joy in serving the Lord.
All of these are *in the Lord*.

Are you *in the Lord* and *walking in the Lord*?