Jesus on target Part 3

Spreading his joy

What gift does Jesus give his disciples?

He said, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” John 15.11.

To see how effectively Jesus delights to spread his joy, read the four Gospels.

Can we imagine the joy of the man born blind when Jesus gave him his sight?

People were staggered by Jesus' power, “for with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” Mark 1.27. What an unexpected but joyous outcome.

When Jesus cleansed a leper who had pleaded for healing, imagine that man's joy. He was told to “say nothing to anyone . . . But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city . . .” Mark 1.44-45.

Jesus' power to heal “incurables” was phenomenal. People were “amazed and glorified God, saying, “we never saw anything like this!” Mark 2.12.

But sharing in Jesus' joy is not just past history. His blessings are still experienced worldwide, and he still invites us, “Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16.24.

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Jesus gives believers this long-term promise: “Your joy no one will take from you.”
John 16.22.

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