

## CONTAGIOUS JOY - BIBLE STUDY

“Women of Faith Ministry Authors” (3)



**We will have a 12 Week Bible Study held at Theresa Whittelsey’s home each week.**

**Dates:** 8/1 - 8/8 – 8/15 – (8/22 LIFE GROUP WITH Pastor Barns Group) - 8/29 -9/5 - 9/12 – 9/19  
9/26 Pastor Barns Life Group – 10/03 – 10/10 – 10/17 – 10/24 Pastor Barns Life Group – 10/31

**Chapter Twelve -Joyous Gals – Contagious and Ready to infect the world! Let’s do lunch or something special to celebrate our graduation maybe.**

**Times:** Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00

**Address:** 346 Private Road 4703-Castroville, Tx. 78009 – Directions from 90 and Bill Millers. Go 471 North about 1.5 miles to PR4703 Creekside Subdivision. Turn into subdivision and follow road to the end (cul-de-sac) White Dodge pickup in driveway. WELCOME!

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You don’t even have to purchase a book and don’t worry if you miss some of the lessons, come on when your able. If you want you can purchase the “E-BOOK” for only \$1.99 at Christianbook.com and or purchase the small book for only \$5.00. The study is very simple and life applicable for spiritual growth, encouragement, joy, and knowledge. We are excited about making new friends and have great fellowship!

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**PS- We have created about 20 memory bible verses you can work on during our next 3-4 months of fellowship together. Please make sure I have given you one, blessings bfc**

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*(Copied from our Contagious Study Book in Chapter Three)*

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2. What did Isaiah prophesy in Isaiah 9:2-3?
3. In Luke 1:14, what does God’s messenger say will bring joy and gladness to Zechariah?
4. In Luke 2:10, this most familiar of passages, what fulfillment of the promise of joy is heard proclaimed?
5. From the very beginning, who rejoiced in the fulfillment of God’s promise?
6. How does the man in Matthew 13:44 react when he discovers this eternal gift?
7. While Jesus’ coming was certainly a fulfillment of God’s promise, few people understood that His death was needed to secure their joy. How did Jesus attempt to explain to His disciples in John 16:20?

8. After Jesus' resurrection, joy upon joy unfolded in the lives of His followers. Sometimes we're a little afraid of the joy we experience. In Matthew 28:8, what was mingled with the women's joy? What feelings overwhelmed the disciples in Luke 24:41? What does Luke 24:52 say that Jesus friends and followers experienced?
9. What does Acts 17:6 say about the early Christians?

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Message Version*

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Barbs Study Guide with Answers – We can email them out after our lessons OR you can obtain/view at: [www.saltshakinsister.simplesite.com](http://www.saltshakinsister.simplesite.com)

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1. What does Job 20:5 say about the good times of the godless? –(BFC) **The scripture says: The mirth of the wicked is brief, the joy of the godless lasts but a moment.** – When I was reading this verse, I had to sit and ponder a bit. The thing about studying and reading is... they are two different things. When I read, it’s usually quick and not much is retained or remembered or even placed in my soul. When I study, I have to think about it, stay hooked on “one verse” at a time. Be quiet, pray before I study and ask God to speak to me.

I may not remember every word I read, but its still different; meaning that God honors our hearts desire to study and learn at Jesus feet and then we will receive the Holy Spirit's wisdom, understanding and discernment, it is way cool!

There are so many different bible versions and some are just easier to understand than others. They use different words and different definitions, which is another reason you need to be careful and stay hooked with a reliable and good bible version, one that doesn't water down the Word.

I always feel safe recommending NIV-NAS-NLT-NKJV and the Message is ok to "read" NOT study. This scripture reference used the word "mirth" and I had no clue what that meant, so I had to look it up and this is the definition:

[laughter](#), [levity](#), [hilarity](#), [rejoicing](#), [gladness](#), [gaiety](#), [joviality](#),

Ok Now, I can move forward and see what the scripture means. The joy and happiness of the ungodly is short lived. When I think about this, I see and hear about so much wickedness and evil in the world and it sure doesn't seem like a short period of time. We wonder why some people seem to get away with so much evil and sin and wonder when it will ever stop.

I know for a fact, as we grow older, time does seem to keep moving faster and faster. We stop and think about some of our old memories and look at old pictures and WOW, time did not stand still and it is moving fast and we need to make the most of our days, for they are short and we need to be ready when God calls us home.

We need to serve and do what God would have us do, in regards to reaching out to others and sharing Jesus while living the right lifestyle every day.

What will people say about your lifestyle and your witness for Jesus after your gone?  
Food for thought.

2. What did Isaiah prophesy in Isaiah 9:2-3?(BFC)The sinners have seen the light-Jesus. The salvation brought them out of the darkness and the sin invested lifestyle they once knew. Darkness represents SIN and Light represents SALVATION-JOY-HOPE-FAITH-JESUS! A time for rejoicing!
3. In Luke 1:14, what does God's messenger say will bring joy and gladness to Zechariah?(BFC)JESUS – He will be our JOY, and we will rejoice for His birth. We have eternal life because of Jesus coming as a baby, growing up into manhood and feeling what we feel and then dying for ALL of our sins and making a way for us to have eternal life – HOPE.
4. In Luke 2:10, this most familiar of passages, what fulfillment of the promise of joy is heard proclaimed?(BFC)The angel said the them," Do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people". Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment, when I look at this verse, JOY is JESUS. We receive Jesus we receive His JOY.

5. From the very beginning, who rejoiced in the fulfillment of God's promise?(BFC) Everyone that knew God and had a heart that sought after Him on a daily basis. The teachers answer is talking about the wisemen that came to see the birth of Jesus.
6. How does the man in Matthew 13:44 react when he discovers this eternal gift?(BFC) The verse says: The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his JOY went and sold all he had and bought that field. I looked this verse up in the commentary, and it shed light on this verse in two different ways, of which I won't take the time to go into at this time.  
**What does this speak to me personally?** Whenever I read the word, I always have the "mindset" that everything I read is life applicable to me, and I take it personally so I can gain and grow personally from it. I don't read it as though the author is speaking to a certain audience. The Holy Spirit speaks to ME, I love that! The man in this verse was ecstatic and gave it ALL to receive ALL that Jesus had for him. I want to be that ecstatic and have the Holy Spirit give me the attitude of "surrendering it all". Have you heard that song "I Surrender All"? When I sing it, a part of me says, "I really don't feel that way all the time, but I want to!" What about you?
7. While Jesus' coming was certainly a fulfillment of God's promise, few people understood that His death was needed to secure their joy. How did Jesus attempt to explain to His disciples in John 16:20?(BFC) The verse says: Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to JOY. Jesus was telling the disciples they would be sad and not understand why He had to suffer and die the death on the cross; and how those that crucified Him were so happy about what they had done. But they would soon understand "after" the events were all in place AND the Holy Spirit – Jesus Comforter would come "after" He left and give them JOY and all of the guidance and hope they would need to carry out the great commission laid out for all of them. As I read today's verses, it dawns upon me, that JOY is another name for JESUS! We have Jesus we have Joy. Not always a "feeling" but a constant companion and comforter!! Therefore, having said all this, we know that life will have its ups and downs – good days and bad days – sorrow, pain, and what to quit days; but Jesus-Joy is always with us during these times. We just have to run TO HIM not FROM HIM. Fill us with more of you JOY (JESUS)
8. After Jesus' resurrection, joy upon joy unfolded in the lives of His followers. Sometimes we're a little afraid of the joy we experience. In Matthew 28:8, what was mingled with the women's joy?(BFC) Matthew 28:8 = "So the woman hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with JOY, and ran to tell His disciples" What was mingled with the woman's JOY? Fear and Joy were hand in hand. That is something we have been learning in this study, often times we can experience joy and fear at the same time. Kind of "bitter-sweet". Afraid that something might be "too good to be true", therefore we fear the outcome may not be what we really hope for. What feelings overwhelmed the disciples in Luke 24:41?(BFC) The scripture says:

“And while they still did not believe it because of JOY and amazement, He asked them, Do you have anything here to eat?” The overwhelming feelings the disciples had were doubt, fear, Joy and Amazement *all at the same time!*

What does Luke 24:52 say that Jesus friends and followers experienced?(BFC) The scripture says; “Then they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great JOY. The friend and followers worshiped Him and “felt” JOY!!! – Key action words for us: WORSHIP HIM AND WALK IN HIM/JESUS/JOY.

9. What does Acts 17:6 say about the early Christians?(bfc) The scripture says; “But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here”. They stood their ground, stood on their FAITH,WORD, teaching and encouragement received from Paul. Today, praise Jesus, we live in a free country -United States of America! We are free to worship and share our faith without fear of being maimed and abused.

Although we are FREE to worship, oftentimes, we will be made fun of, left out of certain circles (which we don't want to be in anyway) talked about, criticized and more, for standing our on our faith, convictions and beliefs. Sometimes you can feel pretty lonely, but that “feeling” won't last long, JOY comes in the morning!

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