



*Ministry of Biblical Studies*

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**OF LIVING IN CHRIST**



**July Bible Study Series**

**July 31st: The Joy of Living in Christ**

"The Promises of Everlasting Joy Through Our Relationship with Christ"  
Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)

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**Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church**  
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**“The Joy of Living in Christ:  
The Promises of Everlasting Joy Through Our Relationship  
with Christ” Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)**

**Scripture: Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)**

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

**Opening Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Word and the promises it holds. As we gather to study Your message, open our hearts and minds to the joy that comes from our relationship with Christ. Help us to understand the depth of Your love and the hope we have in You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Introduction**

The Bible is filled with promises that provide hope and assurance to believers. One of the most profound promises is that of everlasting joy through our relationship with Christ. This promise is beautifully depicted in Revelation 21:3-4, where God promises a future without sorrow, pain, or death.

**Discussion Points**

**1. God’s Dwelling Place Among Us**

- What does it mean for God to dwell among His people?
- How does this promise impact our daily lives and our relationship with God?

## 2. The End of Sorrow and Pain

- Reflect on the significance of God wiping away every tear.
- Discuss how this promise gives us hope during difficult times.

## 3. Transformation Through Christ

- How does our relationship with Christ transform our lives and bring us joy?
- Share personal testimonies of how Christ has brought joy into your life.

## 4. The Hope of Eternity

- Explore the concept of eternal life and everlasting joy.
- How does the promise of no more death, mourning, crying, or pain shape our understanding of God's love and His plans for us?

### Reflective Questions

- How can we live each day in the light of this promise?
- In what ways can we share this message of hope and joy with others?
- What steps can we take to deepen our relationship with Christ and experience His joy more fully?

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### Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the promises You have given us through Your Word. As we leave this study, may we carry the joy of Christ in our hearts and live in the hope of Your eternal promise. Help us to be lights in the world, sharing the good news of Your love and joy with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

