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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Chron. 16:27 *Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His dwelling place.* (NIV)

I have found that one of the things that we can experience in the freedom of Christ, is many times overlooked and forgotten; it is the joy of the LORD. **Neh. 8:10b** reminds us: ***This day is holy to our LORD. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*** (NIV) Now notice this passage is speaking of our LORD. It reminds us that He is LORD! Splendor and majesty are before Him. I cannot even imagine what we will see with our eyes, hear with our ears and feel in our hearts. Just to stand in His presence will be heaven enough for me. And even more enlightening is the statement that strength and joy are in His dwelling place. We will see and finally comprehend the strength of our LORD! But what draws me closer is the 'joy' of the LORD. Can you imagine the smile of our Heavenly Father? He will look at you with joy in His face and His heart. Did you know that we truly bring Him joy? And that His joy then becomes our strength. We are able to face all things because of His joy. His joy strengthens us when this world is throwing its darts of fear and unworthiness at us. His joy lifts us up above the circumstances that so easily entangle us. His joy allows us to look up and see that our redemption draws closer and closer.

One day soon, the LORD Jesus will appear and we will be taken to be with Him. There will never be anything more joyful than to be in His presence for eternity! Are you looking up? Our redemption is drawing near. Even so Lord, come soon!

Dear LORD, You are our joy and our strength. We look to You for everything that we need. There is joy in Your presence forever. Hallelujah, He is coming soon! We praise You, In Jesus Name, Amen