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A Domain of the Feeling Function

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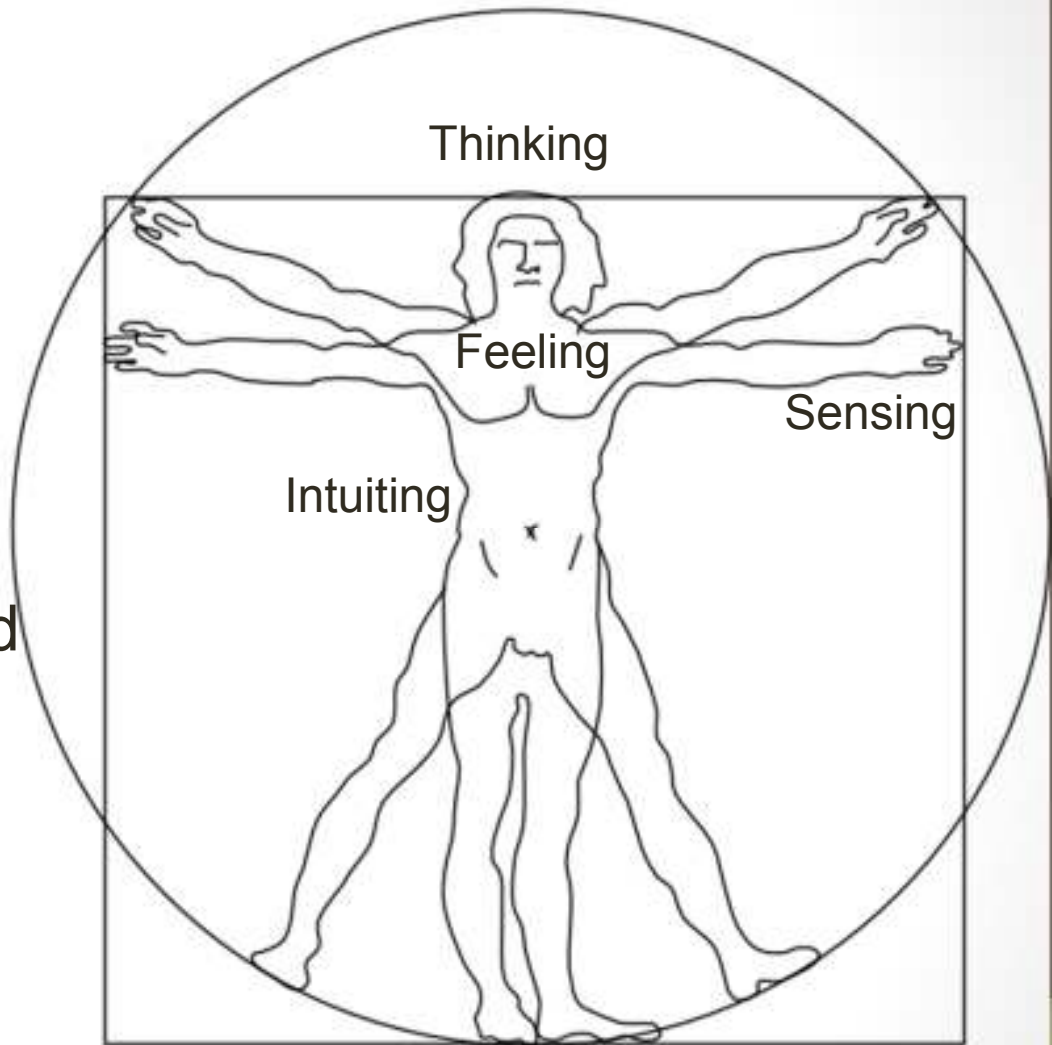


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- Four components of the human personality
- God has each fully developed in Him
- Part of the 'image' in which we were created
- As these are fully developed in us we become 'Christ-like'
- Joy is an aspect of a well developed feeling



What is joy?

- One of the fruits of the Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness,
self-control (Galatians 5:22)
- Independent of circumstances
- Heaven-focused



Nurture: Remember, Repeat

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1)

"**Rejoice** always, **pray** without ceasing, in everything **give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16,17).

Tradition, is telling the old story over and over again. In doing so, we nourish our present and protect our future. (HGBY)

Feast = , repeatedly remember the joyful events



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Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,

⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and
tender mercies,

⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
(Psalm 103:1-5)

Joy in the Cross

¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Galatians 6:14)

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. (John 15:13)



"For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:11-14).

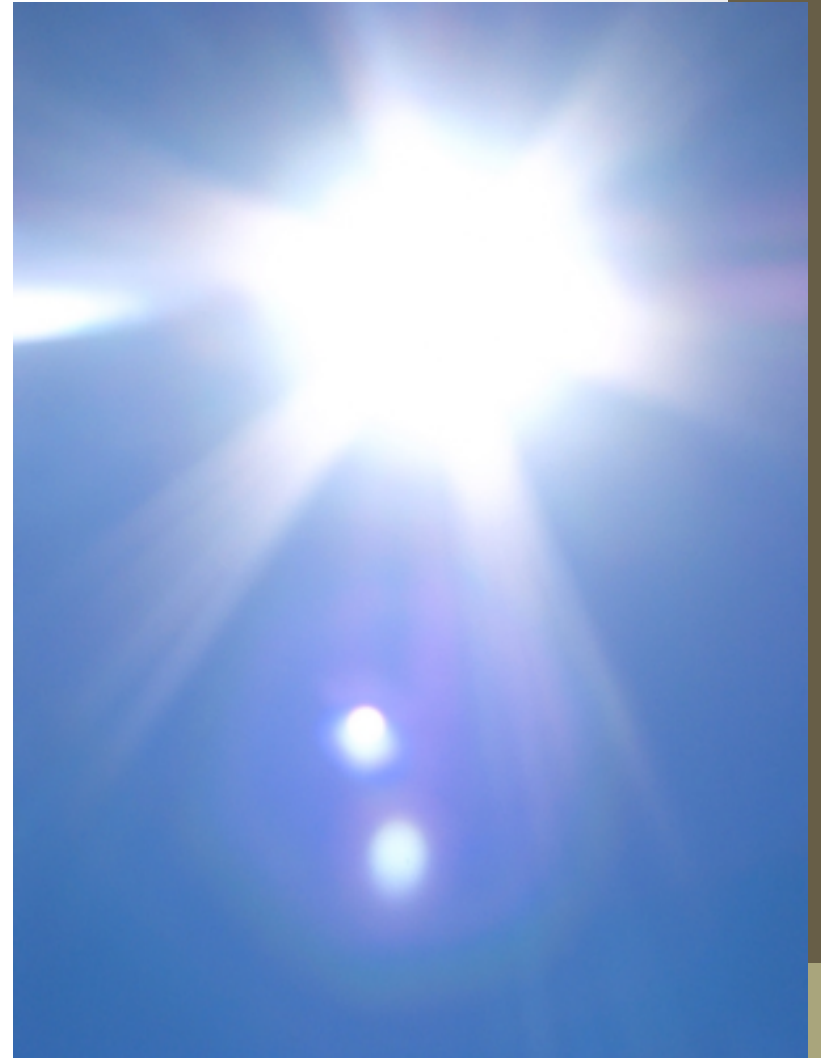
Joy in the Resurrection

⁸ I have set the LORD always
before me;
Because *He is* at my right hand I
shall not be moved.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and
my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.
¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in
Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One
to see corruption.
¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;
At Your right hand *are* pleasures
forevermore. (Psalm 16: 1-8)



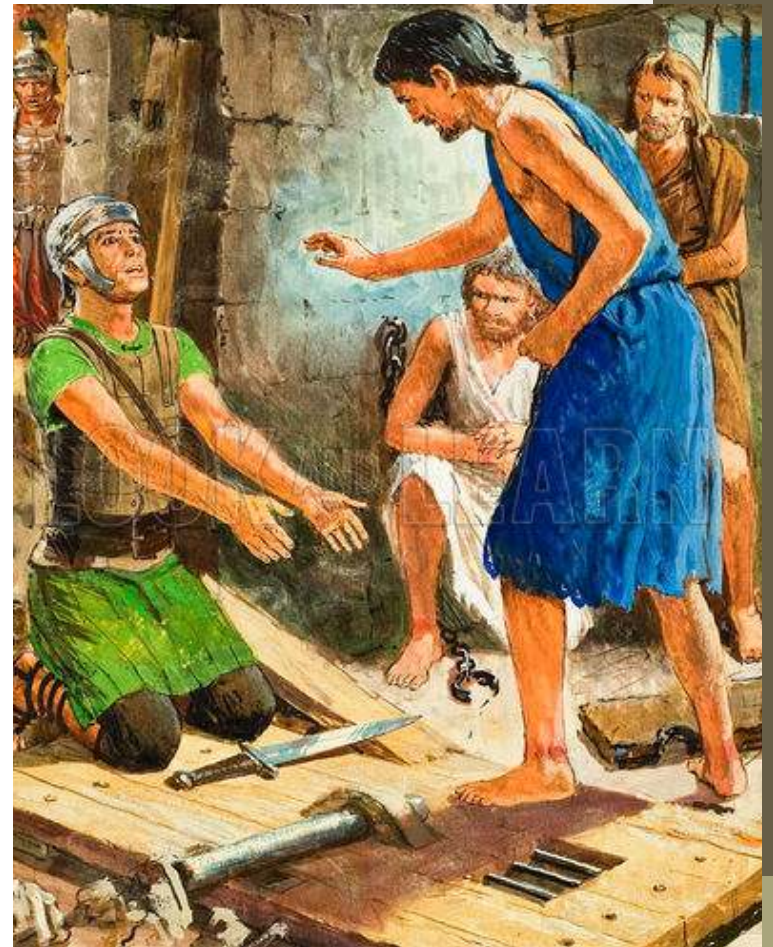
Joy in the Second Coming

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. (John 14:1-3)



Joy in Fellowship

²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." (Acts 16:25-28)



Joy in Service

²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.²² But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ For^[c] I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. ²⁴ Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. ²⁵ And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶ that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. (Philippians 1:21-26)



Glory be to
God forever.
Amen.

