

We Are Wired (or Created) to Enjoy God

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God blesses churches that worship him joyfully. Truth is, God loves a good celebration. He blesses people who celebrate him! The early Church is a great example of that.

The Bible says of the early Church: “Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts ... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people” (Acts 2:46-47a NIV).

There’s enough bad news in the world. The last thing you should do is come to church to hear more bad news. The church is the place for the Good News — the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The Bible says, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” (Psalm 122:1 NASB). God’s church should be a place of joy!

You and I were wired to enjoy God. We were wired to express emotion. If we can’t do that in church, then we’ll do it at rock concerts or sports stadiums. The church should be a place where we can express emotion toward God. Church should be a fun place where we can worship.

Where do we find that kind of joy? In Acts 2, Peter quotes David saying: “I see that the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope” (Acts 2:25-26 NLT).

God wants us to live — and worship — in gladness, joyfulness, and hope!

Talk About It

When you look at how your local church expresses praise, start with yourself: How do you think your heart compares to David’s glad heart?

What tends to be your attitude when you approach worship?