

Today is a feast day for some. It is a festival of corned beef and cabbage among other things with the aim to bring happiness and celebration. To that end any happiness found will certainly be momentary, may or may not be righteous, and is certainly conditional to the circumstances.

As I watch the day unfold I am reminded from my reading of 1 Peter 1:6 to rejoice (“In this you rejoice...”) that is, to have Joy. Joy that has a source comes from the Lord as a fruit of the Spirit. It exists sans special day or celebration but appears even in trials! Joy comes through obedience to the Word of God. That submission brings praise to Christ. So Bereans, whether you are finding happiness with corned beef and cabbage today, or not, seek to obey Christ. Love God, love your neighbors, and rejoice in Lord!

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