

The topic of this thesis is: "The Biblical Roots of Joy." On the basis of selected texts of the Old and New Testaments I explored, what is the basis for the biblical concept of joy. Attention is focused on the biblical texts that speak directly about joy of the individual, the joys of the nation of Israel, or of the whole Church, and on the basis of these texts I uncovered the roots of biblical joy. Topic of joy, and it's roots, is described not only from a historical perspective based on historical events recorded in the Bible, but I also deal with the present, and the future. Based on the selected apostolic letters, in this thesis, I briefly described what place should joy have in the Christian life, and the eschatological joy, on which is pointed primarily in prophetic texts. I also briefly described, how can be biblical joy applied in pastoral ministry