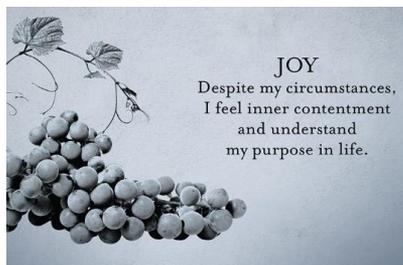


Sermon Notes
Believe: JOY
March 27, 2022



JOY IS:

- a. Joy is an _____ condition of contentment, good pleasure and happiness which creates in _____ expression.
- b. Joy is dependent on who the Lord _____ and what he _____ rather than on who we _____ or what is happening around _____.
- c. Joy is a _____ of the Spirit of God

“The fruit of the Spirit is ... joy.” (Galatians 5:22)

How do I experience joy?

1. When I realize the _____ of God.
 - *Nehemiah 12:43 And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.*
2. When I receive the _____ of God.
 - *Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*
 - *John 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*
3. When I remain in the _____ of God.
 - *John 15:9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

What are the blessings of joy?

1. The joy of the Lord gives me _____!

- *Nehemiah 8:10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, **for the joy of the Lord is your strength.**"*
- *1 Chronicles 16:25-27*
25 *For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.*
26 *For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*
27 ***Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.***

2. The joy of the Lord gives me _____!

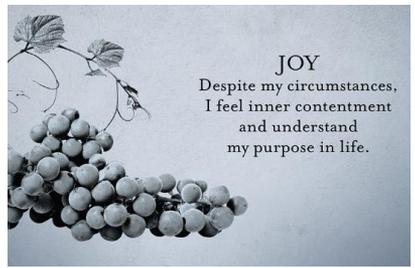
- *Romans 5:2 And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.*
- *James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.*
- *Philippians 1:15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.*

3. The joy of the Lord gives me _____!

- *John 16:22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.*
- *Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

DAILY DEVOTION: Join email list to start your day with a devotion

Applying to My Life:
SERMON
REFLECTIONS



The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

Digging Deeper:
STUDY THIS WEEK: S.O.A.P. METHOD

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

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Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*