

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

Message 15: The Joy of Holiness

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The Kingdom of God is not mainly a matter of _____ but of _____ -
“righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The primary eternal element of God’s Kingdom is “righteousness”.

The experience of God’s righteousness in our lives produces an _____ longing for holiness; a driving desire to know Him better.

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

Psalms 42:1, 2

¹As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Definition of Joy

The happy state that results from knowing and serving God. A state that is not predicated on external circumstances but that is fully satisfied in God.

_____ is the fruit of a right _____. It is not something people can create by their own efforts.

Jesus’ will is for the believer’s joy to be _____.

John 15:11

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Jesus wants to impart His joy to us that we _____.

John 17:13

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

God intends the Christian life to be a life of _____ not _____.

Only those who walk in holiness experience true joy.

What does joy look like?

In scripture, the idea of joy is expressed by similar terms that cannot be easily distinguished

Gladness

Rejoicing

Exultation

Shouting

Being excited

To dance

_____ is the source and object of joy.

Psalm 4:7

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

Isaiah 29:19 (NIV)

Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Joy is the source of a Christian's _____.

Nehemiah 8:10

...the joy of the LORD is your strength.

1 Peter 1:8

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

What Causes Joy?

Joy comes from our _____ with God

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Joy comes from our _____ with God.

Psalms 16:11

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Joy comes from _____.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him".