

## **The Joy of the Spirit Part 5**

### **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**



**WELCOME**

**PRAYER**

**SHARE**

**Scripture Focus:** Romans 15:13, 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

**Main Points:**

#### **1. Hope as the Foundation of Joy:**

- **Romans 15:13 (ESV):** "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."
- Explore how hope in God's promises, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is a source of abundant joy.
- Emphasize that joy and hope are intertwined—our joy flows from the confident expectation we have in God's faithfulness.

#### **2. Imitating the Joy of the Early Church:**

- **1 Thessalonians 1:6-7 (ESV):** "And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia."
- Discuss how the early church exhibited joy even in the face of challenges because of their hope in Christ.
- Reflect on how we can follow their example of joy despite trials, knowing that our hope is secure in the Holy Spirit.

#### **3. Sharing the Joy of Hope with Others:**

- The overflowing joy that comes from hope should naturally extend to others.

- Discuss how we can encourage others with the joy of the Holy Spirit, especially those who may be struggling or feeling hopeless.

**Discussion Questions:**

- How does hope in God's promises impact your daily life and your ability to experience joy?
- How can we practically share the joy of hope with those who are struggling in our community or family?

**Prayer Requests / Praise Reports**

**REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE**

**CARE: Follow-up during the week**