

JOY

APRIL 20-21 2019



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SPREADING JOY

LESSON 3.1
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Joy: 3.1 Spreading Joy

John 15:11; Philippians 2:1-2; 1 John 1:1-4

INTRODUCTION

In John 15:11 Jesus stated that the purpose of all He had taught regarding abiding was, *“so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full.”* We could interpret this verse as a two-for-two, cause and effect relationship between (1) abiding and (2) bearing fruit (the cause) and (1) receiving His joy and (2) being made full (the effect).

The next question before us is, “How is His JOY ***made full*** in us?”

FULL = COMPLETE

The Greek word (*pleroo*) used by Jesus in John 15, is the same used by both Apostles Paul and John. It means: to make full, make complete, fill to the brim, to bring to realization. In these two witnesses of scripture (Phil. 2:1-2, 1 Jn. 1:1-4), we find the answer to how our joy is made full or complete... ***spreading*** it to others. Paul speaks of spreading joy through uniting other believers with one ***purpose*** having the same mind and love. John speaks of it through the spreading of the ***gospel*** and the testimony of believers. The outcome of both goes full circle to the words of Christ, *“that your joy may be made full.”*

FINDING FULLNESS

The fullness is JOY is found in spreading the message of the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 15:13). Possessing uncommon joy should lead to the unusual acts of ***kindness*** and love even through affliction and trials. (Rom. 12:12, 2 Cor. 8:2). The potential of a piece of fruit is not fully realized through its consumption only. It is only when the seeds are SPREAD and SOWN that everything that could be achieved is realized.

The same is true with the JOY of the LORD in the life of a believer. If our joy is only experienced in ***isolation*** and not spread to others, we cannot experience the fullness. But if we spread uncommon joy to others, our joy cups will be filled to the brim and ***“our joy may be made complete.”*** (1 Jn. 1:4)

FACTORPOINT PRAYER

Lord as I abide in you through worshiping, learning and serving, give me Your JOY. By Your grace and led by Your Spirit, show me how to spread to others that which you have given me. I desire the full and complete experience of UNCOMMON JOY as I spread the love of Christ to others.

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