

Sermon notes:

Text: Psalm 4:7

Title: A Matchless Joy For Our Waiting

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

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Foundational Truth #1

God's Joy is _____ 4:7a (You have put)

Q: What difference does it make that God's joy is given to us?

We have a joy that is _____ & _____ because it is rooted in the steadfast, faithful and unchanging nature of God.

God-given joy is the joy of _____, rooted in God-given identity and multiplied infinitely.

The candles of worldly joy always burn out but God's joy is _____ and _____.

Foundational Truth #2

God's Joy is _____ 4:7b (in my heart)

God's joy _____ is inward, implanted in a heart transformed by the grace of God.

Q: Why should it matter to us that true joy, God given joy is inward, rather than outward? It matters because when we _____ and _____ our strivings cease.

God-given, inward joy changes us and that inward joy should _____ and change the world around us.

Foundational Truth #3

God's Joy is _____ 4:7b,c (more Joy; than they have)

David _____ God's joy with the world's joy and says that God's joy is more. David stacks up God's joy next to the world's joy and _____.

Key word: _____

Even when the grain and wine (earthly joy) is endless (abounds) it does not produce a joy like the joy that God gives and implants in the hearts of the redeemed.

“...there is a charm about holy joy! I wish we had more of it! There are many more flies caught with honey than with vinegar; and there are many more sinners brought to Christ by happy Christians than by doleful Christians...”

Charles H. Spurgeon

Charge:

Go share and show the joy of the Lord with the world around you.