

**Psalm 51:1-13 – the Repentant Prayer of a Broken Man**

- O give me back my joy again
- You have broken me
- Now let me rejoice
- Restore to me the joy of your salvation
- Make me willing to obey you
- Then I will teach your ways to rebels and they will return to you

**Fruit to be enjoyed and fruit for others**

- Galatians 5:22–23
  - These are things that the Holy Spirit produces in you for you to enjoy
  - These are things that the Holy Spirit produces in you to have an impact on others
  - Positive or negative impact on others
    - The more the fruit abounds the greater the positive impact
    - The more the fruit is absent the greater the negative impact
- John 15:7–11
  - Disciples produce much fruit
  - You will be filled with my joy
  - Your joy will overflow

**What is it about joy?**

- The emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying; keen pleasure; elation;
- The Exceptionally Good and Satisfying Salvation
  - Assurance of eternal life
  - Freedom from slavery to sin
  - Resident Spirit of God – empowering, leading, guiding, revealing truth
  - Peace beyond comprehension
  - The blessing of living a life in sync with God’s will

**What can cause the Loss of Joy?**

- David – unconfessed sin
  - Wash me clean from my guilt
  - My rebellion haunts me day and night
  - Forgive me for shedding blood
- Loss of Hope
  - Psalm 42:5
  - Proverbs 13:12
  - Hebrews 11:1
- Afflictions and Suffering
  - Psalm 119:107
  - “Your joy in the Chaos – like a fuel gauge of your faith”
  - Your level of joy is revealing your level of faith

**Joy Restored**

- The Promises of God as seen in his Word
- Romans 10:17
- Hope restored
  - Imagine the countenance of one complete with all the fullness of joy
  - Imagine the impact of one complete with all the fullness of joy
  - The Impact of your Countenance (Abounding Joy)

**Then I will teach your ways to rebels**

- Teaching through our lifestyle
- Opportunities to teach the truths of God’s Word
- They will return to you
- What will they see/hear that will cause them to turn to God?
  - Repentant sinners – not someone who never sins, or puts on a façade of righteousness
  - Someone who is obedient to the ways of God – with its resulting blessings
  - A person who walks in peace during affliction and suffering. - peace beyond comprehension
  - A person whose faith enables them to see the unseen
  - A person whose countenance is joyful