

In the Midst of Joy

Luke 1:39-56

*“And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the **Holy Spirit**, even from his mother’s womb.” Luke 1:14–15 (ESV)*

*“And the angel answered her, “The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.” Luke 1:35 (ESV)*

*“And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the **Holy Spirit**, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” Luke 1:41–44 (ESV)*

*“And his father Zechariah was filled with the **Holy Spirit** and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people...” Luke 1:67–68 (ESV)*

*“And the child grew and became strong in **spirit**, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.” Luke 1:80 (ESV)*

*“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the **Holy Spirit** was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the **Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the **Spirit** into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law...” Luke 2:25–27 (ESV)*

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³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord. ⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:39–56 (ESV)

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And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17 (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. Romans 15:13 (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, 1 Thessalonians 1:6 (ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV)

If we want to receive true joy, then we need to receive the person of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. We must have a willingness to be set apart.
(Sanctification)**
- 2. We must be a surrender to God's Way.
(Faith)**
- 3. We must walk in Holiness.
(Obedience)**

King Asa said to him, "If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you." 2 Chronicles 15:2 (ESV)

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me." Proverbs 8:17 (ESV)

"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)