

Joy

Phil 1: 1-11

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- Last week we ended our study of Galatians
 - There were several things we discovered
 - First..... We have two choices in this life
 - We can live to please our fleshly desires (Gal 5: 19-21)
 - Or we can live in the power of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5: 22-25)
 - Second....allowing ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit
 - Is a life freeing experience
 - “Against such things there is no law”

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- In many sermons and Bible studies we discuss
 - The love of God
 - John 3: 16-17; II Cor 5: 14, I Cor 13
 - This is why love is listed first in describing the fruit of the Holy Spirit
- But what about joy?
 - It is listed second right after “love”
 - Why is joy not discussed very often?
 - Psa 16: 11
 - What is the difference between joy and happiness?

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- Happiness
 - This seems to be the theme in many films/TV
 - “I/we just want you to be happy”
 - Regardless of how it affects others
 - Happiness is the great goal for your life
 - Is this why the highest rate of suicide is 65 and older?
- The root word for “happiness” is “hap”
 - Which means “by chance, luck or coincidence”
 - Some Bible teachers have extrapolated the word “blessed” to mean “happy”

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- Matt 5: 3-11
 - Is this how you and I would describe happiness?
 - This world's definition of "happy"
 - Is always based on circumstances
- Joy on the other hand transcends happiness
 - A little background on the letter to the Philippians
 - Paul mentions "joy" 16 times in 4 chapters
 - He mentions "Christ or Jesus Christ" 60 times

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- He also gives some detail into how “joy” is not based on circumstance
 - Phil 1: 7; 12-14; 17.....
 - Phil 1: 18-19.....4 times “imprisonment”
 - Christ is being preached.....(Vs 15-18)
 - The end result.....”rejoicing”
 - I Thess 1: 2-6; I Peter 1: 3-9; Luke 2: 10-11; Rom 14: 17
- Vs 1....Paul and Timothy
 - “bondservants” of Christ Jesus

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- Deut 15: 16-17
 - He shall be your servant "forever"
 - Matt 25: 14-21
 - II Cor 11: 23-33
- Vs 1..."of Christ Jesus"
 - Not the church
 - Not some denomination
 - Not some Internet or TV preacher
 - But recognizing...my life is Christ (Gal 2: 20-21)

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- Why to Christ Jesus?
 - Gal 5: 23....against such things there is no law!!
 - July 4th Independence Day
 - It is for freedom that Christ sacrificed His life
 - II Cor 3: 17-18
 - Paul is not a prisoner of Rome
 - He is a bondservant of Christ
 - Rome may take his life.....
 - But Christ has his soul and spirit
 - II Sam 15: 15....."Behold your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king chooses"

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- II Cor 12: 9-10
 - My grace is sufficient for you
 - For power is perfected in weakness
- For when I am weak.....
- Then I am strong!!!!
- So that the power of Christ may dwell in me!!!
 - II Chron 20: 14-19
- That my friends is “joy in the Lord”

The Coming Son

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The Coming Son

- Your lonely days are long
- You wanna sing your song
- About how the good life has come and gone
- How it all passed you by
- You want to sit down and cry
- And only wonder why?

The Coming Son

- There's coming a day
- When it will all pass away
- And every eye will see the coming Son
- Patiently wait and finish the race
- And know the battle will be won

The Coming Son

- Hatred and sword
- Rumors and war
- What are they killing for?
- Anger and pride
- Oh, must pick a side
- But there's no place to hide

The Coming Son

- There's coming a day
- When it will all pass away
- And every eye will see the coming Son
- Patiently wait and finish the race
- And know the battle will be won

The Coming Son

- He will wipe away every tear
- No need to fear
- When troubled times come near

The Coming Son

- There's coming a day
- When all the stars will fall
- And every eye will see the coming Son
- Patiently wait and finish the race
- And know the battle will be won