

The Struggle is Real

Joy & Peace

Galatians 5:16-26

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

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Main Idea: The Struggle Is Real, but Joy & Peace Are Available Through Jesus Christ

I. Joy & Peace Stealers

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds...” **James 1:2**

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Isaiah 26:3

II. Joy & Peace Supplanters

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

III. Joy & Peace Source

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy...”

Psalms 16:11

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace,” **Ephesians 2:13-14a**

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