

THE SUMMER OF JOY 04

COMPLETE JOY

Philippians 2:1-4

HAPPINESS IS LIKE A _____. TOUCH IT AND IT'S GONE.

JOY WORKS LIKE THIS:

No matter what happens in my life...

I know God is good.

I know that God loves me unconditionally,

I know that God has a plan for my life.

I rejoice in what He is doing in me and through me.

JOY IS AN ACT OF _____ BUT ITS ALSO A
_____ OF PLEASURE.

Psalms 34:8 (NLT)

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

Philippians 2:1-2 (NASB95)

1Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

HE ASKS “_____” BUT THE INTENTION IS “_____.”

Philippians 2:2 (NASB95)

make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

WHEN THE _____ OF JOY JOINS WITH THE
_____ OF JOY THEN YOU HAVE _____
JOY.

1 Peter 1:6-8 (NET)

⁶This brings you great joy, although you may have to suffer for a short time in various trials.

⁷Such trials show the proven character of your faith, which is much more valuable than gold—gold that is tested by fire, even though it is passing away—and will bring praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸You have not seen him, but you love him. You do not see him now but you believe in him, and SO YOU REJOICE WITH AN INDESCRIBABLE AND GLORIOUS JOY,

COMPLETE JOY HAPPENS WHEN YOU _____ IN THE GOODNESS GOD
AND YOU _____ OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

I. YOU _____ WHAT YOU _____ TO HAVE COMPLETE JOY

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS HAS BECOME OUR NATION'S NUMBER ONE OBSESSION.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR JOY.

_____ IN CHRIST

Philippians 2:1–2 (NASB95)

Therefore if there is any ENCOURAGEMENT IN CHRIST, if there is any CONSOLATION OF LOVE, if there is any FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT, if any AFFECTION and COMPASSION,

_____ OF LOVE

“God doesn't love all the things we do. He loves us in spite of all the things we do.”

_____ OF THE SPIRIT

The great “melting pot” that pulled us together has become the great “Sorting machine” that drives us apart.

Here's the key difference between the church and culture. We have the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4–6 (NASB95)

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

_____ AND _____

HERE'S THE POINT:

Since we have these things we already have what we need to have joy!

SOME THINK JOY IS _____

Proverbs 15:13 (NASB95)

A joyful heart makes a cheerful face,

SOME THINK JOY IS _____.

Joy is a fruit of the Spirit and God wants it in your heart and on your face!

II. GET OVER _____

"People want the front of the bus, back of the church and center of attention."

James 4:1–3 (NLT)

¹*What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?*

²*You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.*

³*And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

TO FIND JOY YOU HAVE TO GET OVER YOURSELF.

Philippians 2:2 (NASB95)

²*make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

"When those who are called to fish don't fish, they fight." Max Lucado

Philippians 2:3-4 (NASB95)

³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

⁴do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.