

The Surprising Way of Joy

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

—John 15:9-11 (ESV)

Jesus Promises We Can Abide in HIS LOVE

Jesus Promises We Can Have HIS JOY

If We OBEY HIM

Your Level of JOY is Directly Related to Your Level of OBEDIENCE to Christ!

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

—Genesis 1:27 ESV

1. We Were MADE for Righteousness

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

—Romans 6:6 (ESV)

2. Without Christ's RESCUE We Can't Live Righteously

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that

we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

—1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)

3. Jesus Saves Us So We CAN Live Unto Righteousness

When You Choose to OBEY You Choose JOY.

A) Stop EXCUSING Sin

B) Do More than RESIST Sin - SURRENDER

C) REPENT of Your Sin