

WHAT our WORLD NEEDS NOW

Week 2: Joy

Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the Spirit, which are qualities mature Christians should exhibit as an outcome of our submission to God's spirit within us. The second quality listed in this passage is Joy. – Joy, rooted in a deep relationship with Jesus, is a transformative response to the gospel. By choosing joy regardless of our circumstances, followers of Jesus can experience true contentment and positively impact the world around them.

Discussion Questions

1. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
2. What is the difference between happiness and joy as discussed in the message?
3. Can you think of a time when you experienced joy even in a difficult situation? How did that impact your perspective?
4. Moral joy is characterized by the harmony between one's values and behavior, often achieved through human effort and willpower alone, while Christian joy surpasses this by being deeply rooted in Jesus and the gospel. In what ways have you experienced Christian joy in your life, and how has it helped you mature in your faith?
5. **Read Ephesians 2:4-5** – How do the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus serve as the foundation for Christian joy? When dealing with the circumstances of this life and lies of this world....How can you remind yourself to stand on this solid rock of truth?
6. **Read James 1:2-4** – How can choosing joy in all circumstances transform our attitude and influence the world around us?
7. What steps can you take to intentionally choose joy in your daily life this week, even during challenging times?

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ~ James 1:2-4