

“THE FULLNESS OF JOY”

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INTRO: On this Pentecost Sunday we’re going to focus on the fullness of joy that comes from the Holy Spirit.

Joy - A very glad feeling; happiness; great pleasure; delight.

Joy in the Hebrew – to leap or spin round with pleasure.

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS US JOY.

A. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22; 1Thess. 1:6).

1. If we lack joy, we’re not experiencing all the Spirit has!

B. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit while in his mother’s womb (Lk. 1:15) and leaped for joy (Lk. 1:44).

1. John was a human being while in his mother’s womb!

2. Note the connection between the Holy Spirit and joy!

C. Jesus’ disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit – again (Acts 13:52; 2:4; Eph. 5:18).

1. Are you willing to be filled with the Spirit & joy [again]?

D. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17). “You’re kingdom [joy in the Holy Spirit] come (Matt. 6:9-10).”

II. THIS JOY IS JESUS’ JOY IN US (Jn. 17:13; 15:11).

A. This joy is Jesus’ joy remaining in us – not dependent upon outward circumstances.

B. Jesus wants our joy to be full (Jn. 16:24; 1Jn. 1:4; Acts 2:28).

1. “full” – complete, to cram, level up, satisfy, perfect.

2. What does your joy meter read?

C. The joy of face-to-face relationships (2Jn. 1:12).

III. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF JOY.

A. Persecution/trials can’t take this joy away (Lk. 6:22-23; 2Cor. 7:4; 8:2; 1Thess. 1:6; Heb. 12:2; Ja. 1:2-4).

B. A city can experience great joy (Acts 8:5-8)!

C. Jesus wants to turn your sorrow into joy that no one can take from you (Jn. 16:20, 22; Ps. 126:5; 30:5; Neh. 8:10)!

D. There’s joy in heaven when a sinner repents (Lk. 15:7, 10)!

E. God wants you to finish your race with joy (Acts 20:24; Jude 1:24).

CONCLUSION: Let’s pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and joy (Rom. 15:13; 1Pet. 1:8)!