

Mt. Lebanon Church / Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Rejoice Evermore

Matthew 5: 12

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16,....rejoice evermore....

Written as a motivational tool of encouragement for the believer, to rejoice evermore is an ongoing choice that can only be made when we are following after the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, for it signifies our complete faith and trust in the divine strength and power of God. Therefore, it is given as an instruction so that we might maintain our personal eternal relationship with God. So, we focus upon the spiritual realities of his promises, the reality of his love, his grace, and mercy, which gives unto all of mankind the free gift of salvation and the hope of our eternal life. Choosing joy, even in times of suffering is an action of our faith, which comes through our obedience as we acknowledge the truth of the promises and commandments of God's word. When we choose to rejoice, it is then that we are following after his eternal perspective for our life.

Isaiah 61: 10,....I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for he hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness....

So, this means that as believers we have been dressed in Christ mantle of salvation, and we have been draped in his robe of righteousness, and for this reason we greatly rejoice in our salvation, knowing that the gifts given unto us are part of our new identity in Christ, where God has removed the spiritual guilt of sin in our life and has clothed us in the perfect righteousness of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5: 21,....for he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that he might be made the righteousness of God in him....

So, in Gods eyes we are not just forgiven, but we are blameless, clothed in his holiness, and we are now able to stand boldly before God. Therefore, the forgiveness of sin is our foundational starting point, and it equips us with the tools to change our life. We are forgiven so that we can become an example of Gods love and grace unto others, it is not an ending point, but it is the beginning for living a meaningful, active, purposed life in Christ.

Matthew 5: 12,....rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven....

How do we, as believers, see the world around us. Humanity always views suffering through tragedies, but we see all things differently, for we do not react to earthly circumstances, because our joy is rooted and grounded in the unshakable reality of Gods grace. This ensures us that every tribulation that we endure, and every sacrifice that we have ever made was made for the kingdom of God. Therefore, enduring persecution and maintaining our faith and trust in God brings eternal fulfillment, for as believers we have already received our reward, we have been fully reconciled to God through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4,....rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice....

Spiritual joy is an attitude, one that we must choose to live steadfastly in. Our joy can remain constant because the foundation of our joy never changes. Therefore, we rejoice in God's unchanging love through the salvation that we have in Christ Jesus. Now, trusting God is a daily decision that we must make so that we might maintain a spirit of rejoicing, for true joy is a gift from our heavenly Father, given unto us by his spirit as we walk and live in his newness of life. It is a spiritual grace that is given from above, it is our strength in times of weakness, it is our protection in times of danger, it is both a gift of God to those who are justified in him, and it is a characteristic of the fruit of the spirit to the sanctified man.

So, how can this heavenly joy be maintained in the midst of afflictions, sufferings, and distress in our life. It is because we can focus on it as our everlasting hope and strength, not allowing Satan to use worldly deceit and fear to create barriers in the imaginations of our hearts, for this will cause us to question God's faithfulness to us. Rejoicing in the Lord is a great spiritual weapon that helps us to remain in a close relationship with God.

Ephesians 3: 16 – 21,....that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man....that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God....now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all, that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end....

So, what does it take to gain the ability to rejoice evermore. Through our faith in Christ, we must experience the boundless, unsurpassable love of God in our life, so, that as believers, we might begin to understand his divine grace, which when we are filled with his fullness, we are no longer limited by our worldly emotions, but we are allowing the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit to control our every thought, and our every action. Remember, God's plans are not restricted by our doubts, and his direction in our lives will exceed our highest hopes of reasoning, and it is his work that is being done through us by his spirit that gives unto us the ability to rejoice evermore.

John 15: 10 – 11,....if ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love....these things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full....

So, we learn that true joy comes not from worldly circumstances but from actively abiding in Christ and aligning our life with the promises and commandments of God's word. Joy that comes from Christ, through salvation, is uniquely divine, and is meant to sustain our life through every challenge and hardship we are going through, because it is grounded in the eternal love of God. Therefore, our obedience to Christ should never be seen as a chore or a burden, for it is the pathway to experiencing his peace and joy in our life. Gods joy is a promise given that can never be stolen away from us by worldly circumstances.

Psalm 118: 24,....this is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it....

So, as believers, let us recognize each day as a gift from God by choosing to rejoice regardless of the challenges and the circumstances that we might be putting ourselves through. By acknowledging this we are acknowledging Gods control over all things, and by rejoicing in all things we are giving unto him control of our lives and trusting in his divine purpose. Spiritual joy means rejoicing and appreciating our life in Christ the way that God has planned it, for everyday is made glorious through the victory that Christ achieved for us over sin and death, through the crucifixion and the resurrection. This gives unto us the motivation to continue to rejoice evermore.

Let us Pray.

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