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Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

* **The “Fruit” of the Spirit**

**Galatians 5:22-23** … the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control ...

* **Fruit of “the Spirit”**

**John 15:5 “**I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

**Ephesians 4:15-16** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Christian growth is into Christ.

* **Joy**

Joy is better than happiness.

**The Declaration of Independence** (July 4, 1776): “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Why is it that happiness has to be pursued—almost chased? Because it is fleeting by nature.

**Blaise Pascal**:“The only thing which consoles us for our miseries is diversion, and yet this is the greatest of our miseries.”

Joy is essentially different than happiness because it is not based on our circumstances but in God Himself.

* **True satisfaction is found only in God**

**Psalm 34:8a** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Psalm 37:4** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Psalm 36:8** (KJV) They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

**Job 22:25** (NLT) the Almighty himself will be your treasure. He will be your precious silver!

**Psalm 23:1** The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall not want**.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we [you and I] might become the righteousness of God.

**Philippians 3:8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

* **Joy in the midst of suffering**

**John 16:20-24 “**Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

**Hebrews 12:1b-2** let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**John 16:20** “...but your sorrow will turn into joy.”

**1 Peter 1:6**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials

**1 Peter 1:3-5** ... According to his great mercy, **he has caused us to be born again** to **a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you**, who **by God's power are being guarded** through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**1 Peter 4:12-13** Beloved do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **But rejoice** insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

**Colossians 1:24** ... I rejoice in my sufferings ...

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you

**Ephesians 5:20** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Acts 5:41** ... rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor ...

**Romans 5:3** ...but we rejoice in our sufferings ...

**2 Corinthians 6:10** ... sorrowful, yet always rejoicing ...

**Romans 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**Psalm 34:19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

**John 16:20-22** “... but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice ...”

**John 16:22b “**and no one will take your joy from you.”

**Jeremiah 32:17** (NIV) “Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.”

**John 10:27-29** “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.”

**John 16:23-24** “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

**Psalm 37:4** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Psalm 16:11** (NASB) ... In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

**Matthew 13:44** (NIV) "The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure** hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then **in his joy** went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

**Psalm 23:5-6** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.