



This Joy That I Have
“BEYOND HAPPINESS TO PURE JOY”
James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 4:12-13

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. **James 1:2-4**

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Happiness versus Pure Joy

- Many people think of happiness and joy as the same thing, but they are not.
- Happiness is situational, Pure Joy is not.
- Happiness is dependent external factors. Pure Joy is given to those who seek God

Happiness

- We get something. We win.
- We participate with people we love.

Not Happy

- When disappointment occurs.
- When we don't get our way.
- When our selection loses.

Transformation between Happiness and Pure Joy

- Nature Example

Where does Joy come from?

- Being in God's presence and following him – Psalm 16
- Loving God and obeying Him - John 15:9-11
-

How do we maintain Joy?

- Deny self-reliance - Revelation 3:15-20
- Deny fear - 1 John 4:16-18
- Deny anxiety - 1 Peter 5:5-7
- Feed on His word - 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17

Pure Joy Incubation Situations

- Moses Queen Esther
- David Peter
- Ruth Paul and Silas

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.¹ Preserve me, O God, for in
You I put my trust.

9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have 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 remain in you, and that your joy may be full. **John 15:9-11**

Revelation 3:15-20

15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’— and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **1 John 4:16-18**

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. **1 Peter 5:5-7**

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15**

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**