



This Joy That I Have – Part III
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I. The Principles of Joy

- Joy is expressed in how God supplies
- Joy is expressed in how God confronts us in suffering
- Joy is expressed in how God brings liberation to lost souls
- The Bible has so much to say about how *Joy* and *Salvation* work together
 - When the sinner finds Christ *Matt. 2:10; Acts 8:36-39*
 - When salvation comes to a city *Acts 8:5-8*
 - When we hear of others being saved *Acts 15:3*

II. Elements of a Parable

- Communicate Kingdom Values
- Concerned about Relationships
- Concerned about Priorities
- Concerned about Celebration
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III. The Sheep in Luke 15:4

- We are sheep
- Sheep sometimes wander away from the fold *Isaiah 53:6*
- Lost sheep have no place to rest *Jeremiah 50:6*
- We are in need of a shepherd *1 Peter 2:25*

IV. The Search in Luke 15:4

- The shepherd leaves his flock to go find the lost sheep
- Christ, as the Good Shepherd, searches for lost sheep
- That was His whole purpose in coming *Luke 19:10; John 10:11*
- He loves us like we were His only sheep

V. The Support in Luke 15:5

- The shepherd took the sheep in his arms and carried it
- Jesus will take us in His arms and carry us to safety *Matt. 11:28*
- He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us

VI. The Shout in Luke 15:5b-6

- Shout = Leaping, Dancing, Rejoicing *Psalms 107:1-2*
- The shepherd rejoiced
- The friends and neighbors rejoiced



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VII. The Salvation in Luke 15:7

- “Joy shall be in heaven”
- The redeemed in heaven rejoice over a sinner that repents -- a lost sheep that comes home.