

This Joy That I Have – Part II April 11, 2018 Reverend Tyrone McGowan, Pastor

"Some of you say, "*Joy* is greater than sorrow," and others say, "Nay, sorrow is the greater." But I say unto you, they are inseparable.

Together they come, and when one sits alone with you at your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed."

— Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet

"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God."

— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

"I slept and dreamt that life was *joy*. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was *joy*."

- Rabindranath Tagore

- ✓ **GOT JOY** –Do you have it?
- ✓ **GET JOY** –Do you want it?
- ✓ **GROW JOY** --Will you let God fill you with it?
- ✓ **GIVE JOY** –Will you show it?
- > This is a recognition that your joy resides in you.
- > Joy must be embraced by those who have it before they can share it.

These things I have spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15:11

I. When Joy is Present Inwardly, it is Presented Outwardly

- > By Action what you do outwardly indicates the presence of or lack of joy.
- By Attitude how you act toward life and toward people is evidence of the presence of joy.
 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Acts 20:22-24

II. The Effects of the Presence of Joy on Others

- People are drawn to you when joy is present.
- > People are repelled by you when joy is not present.
- Are people able to recognize the joy in your life? Can your joy be seen?

Num. 13:30-33; Job 1:20-22



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III. Joy is Contagious – The Presence of Joy Spreads Joy

- > When joy is present in your life, it affects others around you.
- > People avoid those who are not joyful; this also can be contagious.

Prov. 22:24

> You can add joy to the lives of others when it is present in your life.

2 John 1:12

Psalms 16:11

IV. The Presence of Joy is Connected to the Presence of God.

- God's presence always invokes the presence of joy. You cannot be in God's presence an out of joy.
- The more God you possess; the more joy you possess. *Rom. 5:1-4*
- > A lack of the presence of joy is always a sign of ungratefulness to God.
- > You are conveying to God that you really don't care about what God has done.