

THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL

1 JOHN 1:1-10

Text: 1 John 1:4

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Introduction:

We live in a day where everyone is looking for happiness, but few find real joy. There is a difference in happiness and joy.

Happiness means: Enjoying, showing or marked by pleasure, cheerful.

Joy however means: Intense or elated happiness. A source of great pleasure. To rejoice.

Happiness often times is regulated by our surroundings, but joy on the other hand has nothing to do with our surroundings but rather how we handle our surroundings.

(1 Pet 1:3-9 KJV) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} To an

inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that
fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, {5} Who
are kept by the power of God through faith unto
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. {6}
Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if
need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold
temptations: {7} That the trial of your faith, being much
more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be
tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour
and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: {8} Whom
having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see
him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable
and full of glory: {9} Receiving the end of your faith,
even the salvation of your souls."

Notice these people were going through trials and
temptations, but as we read in verse (8) they were
rejoicing with joy unspeakable.

The Bible in our text that we have just read say that
your joy may be full. It is simply saying that one can
experience intense or elated happiness. Will have
great pleasure, and will result in rejoicing.

Where does real joy come from? Remember we're not
speaking of just happiness, but rather real joy.

Notice: Joy comes from:

1. SALVATION

(Psa 35:9 KJV) "And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation."

(Isa 25:9 KJV) "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A. Salvation brings joy.

1. Salvation brings Joy
2. Salvation brings intense happiness.
3. Salvation brings elated happiness.
4. Salvation brings a source of great pleasure.
5. Salvation brings rejoicing.

B. Sin causes us to lose the joy of our salvation.

(Psa 51:1-13 KJV) "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. {2} Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. {3} For I

acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. {4} Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. {5} Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. {6} Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. {7} Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. {8} Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. {9} Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. {10} Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. {11} Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. {12} Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. {13} (Then) will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

1. We must remain clean in order to have the joy of our salvation.

(1 John 1:8-9 KJV) "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. {9} If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Joy comes from Salvation.

2. SACRIFICE

(Phil 2:13-21 KJV) "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. {14} Do all things without murmurings and disputings: {15} That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; {16} Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. {17} Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. {18} For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me. {19} But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. {20} For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. {21} For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's."

A. Real Joy comes from sacrifice.

1. Real joy comes from sacrificing for others.

(Rom 12:1 KJV) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Joy comes from salvation. Joy comes from sacrifice.

3. SERVICE

(Phil 2:17 KJV) "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all."

(Heb 12:1-2 KJV) "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, {2} Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

A. Serve weightless (Heb 12:1)

1. Weights are things that are not necessarily sin but are not the best thing for you.

Illustration: Playing basketball in a suit, and dress shoes.

B. Serve sinless (Heb 12:1)

1. Now we are not saying that one can live a sinless life but one will only serve effectively without sin.

C. Serve running the race.

(John 15:7-11 KJV) "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. {8} Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. {9} As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. {10} 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. {11} These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

Close:

(1 John 1:4 KJV) "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

Are you full of joy? Joy comes from salvation. Trust Christ today. Have you lost the joy of your salvation? Ask God to clean you.

Are you full of joy? Joy comes from sacrifice. Give of yourself to the master, as well as to others.