

# ABIDING IN HIS PLEASURE

## JOHN 15

Text: John 15:11

### **John 15:11 (KJV)**

<sup>11</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

Introduction:

## **1. THE CONDITION FOR JOY**

A. Hear the Word of God.

(“These things have I spoken.”)

The truth of the Word of God brings freedom and joy into the heart of a Christian.

B. Heed the Word of God

### **Habakkuk 3:17-18 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls: <sup>18</sup> Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

## **2. THE CONSTANCY OF JOY**

### **Philippians 2:5 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

## A. His Joy Remains as We Focus on His Word

### **James 1:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

One of the reasons that Christians struggle with consistent joy is a lack of stability and double mindedness.

## B. His Joy Remains as We Follow His Will

## C. His Joy Remains as We Have Faith in His Way.

### **Psalms 18:30 (KJV)**

<sup>30</sup> *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.

## **3. THE COMPLETENESS OF HIS JOY**

## A. You Joy Might Be Full

### **Nehemiah 8:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

### **Psalms 16:11 (KJV)**

<sup>11</sup> Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.