

**JOY**  
JOHN 15:11, GAL 5:22-23

Text:

**Galatians 5:22**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Introduction:

1. The Source of Joy (John 15:11)

**John 15:11**

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

A. The Center of Joy - is Christ – My Joy

B. The Characteristics of Joy

1. Jesus wants us to be full of joy.

**1 Peter 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> 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:

C. The Continuation of Joy – might remain in you.

2. The Secret of Joy

## A. Surrendered Life to Christ

### **Psalms 51:12**

<sup>12</sup> Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy free spirit*.

### **Psalms 35:9**

<sup>9</sup> And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

## B. Submit to the Spirit of God

### **Romans 14:7**

<sup>7</sup> For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

### **1 Thessalonians 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

## C. Study the Word of God

### **1 John 1:4**

<sup>4</sup> And these things **write we unto you**, that your joy may be full.

## D. Spend time with God

### **John 16:24**

<sup>24</sup> Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

### **Psalms 16:11**

<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.