

"Got Joy?"

Philippians 4:4-9

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I. Joy is part of the birthright of being a Christian. How do we know this?

- A. Because ______ said so. (John 15:10-11)
- B. Joy is one of the ______ of the Spirit which God gives every believer (Gal.5:22)
- C. Because joy is at the very heart of God's _____.1. What does Zephaniah 3:17 say about God?
 - It wasn't just anger at sin that sent Jesus to the Cross – what else took him there? (Heb.12:2)

II. How do we get joy? <u>High Joy-Givers</u>

Low Joy-Givers

III. Faith in Christ is our largest reservoir for finding joy.From Philippians 4, here are 3 places Christians can find joy.

A. A Christian can rejoice ______ the Lord (vss.4-5).

- 1. What types of earthly things can we take joy in?
- 2. What's true of all of life's pleasures?
- 3. What do we have 'in the Lord' that can never be taken from us?
- B. A Christian can rejoice ______ the Lord (vss.5-7).1. What's the main problem with this life?
 - 2. What do I need to do when facing life's tests?
- C. A Christian can rejoice ______ the Lord (vs.8)1. Is joy in and of itself a good and godly thing?
 - 2. What makes 'joy' good and godly?
 - 3. If I take pleasure in the wrong things, what must I do?

What's the Lord speaking to my heart this morning?