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New Message Series: True Christ Followers Have Christ's Joy

Psalm 16:7-11

1. Living Life Filled With Christ's Joy

1 John 1:3, 4

Three Truths:

1) **Joy** is God's purpose for all; sorrow originally came from sin.

John 15:9, 11

2) Sorrow can harden us but joy from Christ never hardens and He so wants us to have "Fullness of Joy"

Nehemiah 8:10 "... the joy of the Lord is your strength."

3) **Real Genuine Joy:** a byproduct of having a strong and in time to relationship with Jesus Christ, which responds with delight to what God delights in.

We Must Choose Joy - it's a choice - our emotions are not beyond the Holy Spirits power, so we can do God's will even when we don't "feel like it."

2. The Joy of Freedom From Sin

1 John 2:1

Romans 6:11, 12, 17

2 Corinthians 3:17

The Joy of Jesus: the exhilaration of being set free from sins grip and now walking in Christ's love and care.

Galatians 5:1, 13, 14, 16

Galatians 5:22-24

Romans 6:22

1 John 3:6, 9-11

John 13:33, 34

Beware: Warning: Joy Robbers: People... Possessions... Circumstances... Worry...

3. The Joy of Certainty: I Am A Child of God

Romans 8:16-18

1 John 5:13

◆ "Faith possesses, assurance knows that it possesses." ~Newell

Isaiah 61:10

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Jude 1:24, 25

Since God Is Always Faithful: "we won't slink shamefacedly into the presence of God. **Rather:** True Christ Followers will be presented before God with exceeding joy!!"