

June 17, 2018
Galatians 5:22-23
Philippians 4:4

Joy of Fatherhood

I. Introduction:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

“Rejoice in the Lord, I will say it again, Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

“The Joy of the Lord is my strength.” Nehemiah 8:10

II. Three Reasons We Can Experience Joy:

A. I Can Be Joyful Because God Is _____ Me

“When you pass through deep waters I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through the fire, you will not be burned, the hard trials that come will not hurt you. For I am the Lord your God.” Isaiah 43:2

“In Your presence is fullness of joy.” Psalm 16:11

B. I Can Be Joyful Because God Has A _____ For Me

“In this world you will have tribulation, but take heart, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

“For I know that plans that I have for you declares the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

C. I Can Be Joyful Because God Is Building My _____.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds. 3] because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance, 4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4

III. Conclusion And Application:

POINTS TO PONDER
Week Beginning June 18th
Philippians 4:2-9

Open It

1. How do you tend to respond when things don't go your way?
2. *What does it take to live at peace with difficult family members or colleagues?

Explore It

3. How did Paul feel toward the Philippian congregation?
(4:1)
4. What did Paul exhort the Philippian believers to do?
(4:1)
5. *Why did Paul plead with Euodia and Syntyche? (4:2)

6. How had Euodia and Syntyche helped Paul in the past? (4:3)
7. What was Paul's relationship with Clement? (4:3)
8. How could Paul count on his "loyal yokefellow"? (4:3)
9. What did Paul encourage his readers to do? (4:4)
10. *How did Paul tell the Philippian Christians to treat others? (4:5)
11. How should an awareness of Christ's imminent return affect a person's attitude? (4:5-7)
12. What did Paul say about anxiety? (4:6-7)
13. What were the Philippians to do instead of worrying? (4:6-7)
14. *How can a believer enjoy the peace of God? (4:6-7)
15. What are the qualities of wholesome thoughts? (4:8)
16. What were the Philippians to put into practice? (4:9)
17. How can believers enjoy the presence of the God of peace? (4:9)

Get It

18. How have disagreements between people affected your church?
19. *When have you been involved in helping Christians resolve differences?
20. How can you have a peaceful spirit?

21. *If you were more thankful, joyful, and gentle, how might your family and friends be affected?
22. What does it take for you to think worthy thoughts?
23. What does it mean to live a righteous life-style?
24. In what areas of your life do you need to follow Paul's example?

Apply It

25. What can you do today to reduce your level of anxiety?
26. *How can you be an effective peacemaker this week?