

my pen. And since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be easy forgiven me that I serve him with a cheerful spirit. Now there are some of us probably who do not even know what this word joy means. It may be hard to define. By joy, though, we talk about the feeling of well-being, of happiness that springs spontaneously inside us. It is a delight of the soul that does not change with the seasons or the circumstances of life. Happiness of the world of natural man comes and goes like the rain or like the merriment that is caused by alcohol. Now that is not what a man really seeks or needs but it's the best thing that some men can find joy in.

The second thing is the keynote of the Bible.

We who are followers of Jesus ought to remember that the Bible gives the only religion in the world that has joy. The great keynote of the Bible has as its primary aim joy. Judaism had a strong note of gladness in it. But it also had a wailing wall of despair. But in the Bible we find that faith is that which produces joy. Sixty times the word joy is used in the New Testament. And the passages are important ones.

When the birth of Jesus was announced, the shepherds, the angels said, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10)

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Introduction -

In the 24th verse, which is our text, he is speaking about permanent joy. One question for you today - Are you happy? That ought not to be such an odd question to say to you in the church or to be asked by a preacher. If you are not happy, you ought to be and I believe by the grace of God you can be.

I believe today I can tell you why many of the members of our church and other churches are not happy. They are not victorious, joyous Christians. You perhaps say "How"? There are a number of ways I can tell you.

Happy people are friendly people. They are generous people. They are working people. They are motivated. They are happy Christians because they are always ready to recommend their religion to others. They have something to give and that's one of the reasons why I know they are happy.

Now there are a lot of people who are not happy and you would like to know how I know that fact. It's not because I can see in your heart or in your mind. And I'm satisfied there are a lot of people right here in our presence today who are not happy.

There is one way I can tell whether or not you are happy. I can look at the financial record of any church and I can tell

just about who is enjoying his religion and who is not. There is a direct relationship between the giving of a church member and his joy in Christ. You say how do you know that. Well, unhappy people are selfish people. Unhappy people are stingy people. They are grumbling people. They are sullen people. They are defensive people. They are fault-finding people. Some of them are even domineering people. And some of them are lying people. And I can tell who is unhappy by simply looking on the church's record to see what kind of contribution a person makes of his money. If your money is in it, your heart's going to be in it.

I can judge again other people by their church attendance. They do not have to say a word but you can tell by their attendance, their loyalty or disloyalty to the church.

Once again, I can tell and judge your life by your private life by the secret sins that you have, by the private practices of gambling, drinking, dishonesty, profanity that destroys your happiness. And it is equally true that joy in Christ destroys these sins.

We may say then that real joy in life is normal to the devout Christians. All that the rest of mankind ever achieves is courage in the face of sadness, a few thrills that leaves him empty and more sad than in the beginning. In other words, the Christian joy and happiness is both a witness that tells the world that we are right with God and a symptom that indicates to

us that we are living the life at its best. Therefore, I come back to that question which I asked you a moment ago - Are you happy? Do you have Christian joy? Is it in your heart?

First, let me suggest modern foes. One of the greatest foes of Christianity as stated by a great German scholar "his disciples" (speaking of the followers of Jesus) "should look more redeemed."

Dr. Paul Tillich asked this question, "Are not many Christians ministers, students of theology, evangelists, missionaries, Christian educators, and social workers, pious laymen and laywomen even the children of such parents, surrounded by an air of heaviness, of oppressive sternness, of lack of humor and irony about themselves."

As we study his statement, perhaps we would say here is a just criticism. But it may not tell the whole truth. Because I am delighted to see some cheerful smiles around our church and around some of the religious meetings and assemblies such as Ridgecrest and conventions from time to time.

Usually, if joy is on the inside, it will express itself. Haydn's friends asked how it happened that his church music was always animated, cheerful and even festive quality. The great composer replied, "I cannot make it otherwise." I write according to the thoughts I feel. When I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy that no dance and leap, as it were, from

Third, the joy that Jesus emphasized is its source. It does not spring, simply, from human nature or from adjustments or from integration or from some standpoint of psychology. Religion is not just enough but joy comes from Christ, through prayer, he says. Hitherto have ye asked nothing, in my name asked and ye may receive that your (joy may be full.) (24) He did not say to ask others to pray for you. Nor to ask in the name of the saint or of Mary. He didn't ask you to pray in the name of some statute or even to beg God. He said, "ask in my name". This means to ask as bearers of his name because he has saved us. And this is a blank check that he has signed for us. You fill in the amount if you want to live on subnormal level of spiritual joy. If we want to live a subnormal Christian life of spiritual joy then God may pity us but he cannot help us. Prayer is God's means of power and joy. Yesterday's joy will not suffice for today. We must ask him to fill our lives with joy.

When I think about some of the gloomy, negative, half-hearted Christians that I know, it is no wonder that Christianity has not made greater progress or more progress. So many of us look like sad sacks and may God help our kind of religion. There is no luster in it, no joy, no music in our voices, no hallelujahs, no amens. Some people seem to think that you can measure piety by the length of the face. And to observe some congregations you would think that they have met to mourn defeat rather than to

field which when a man discovers it, he for joy sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matt. 13:12)

Frequently he compared the kingdom of heaven to a feast, even as a marriage feast. "The fruit of the spirit is joy." (Gal. 5:22).

Jesus, the writer, of Hebrews said, endureth the cross for the joy that was set before him. (Heb. 12:2).

Jesus said that there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)

John said that he wrote his epistle that your (joy may be full.) (1 John 1:4)

And the (judgement) is pictured as a place where Christians will hear the happy word "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21).

But Jesus pointed out that Christian joy is different from anything the world has to offer. And I believe that with all my heart. The happiness of non-Christians is always found in one or more of three things. First, friends. Second, fulfilled ambition. Third, personal pleasure. Now these are not constant. Friends may betray you or grow tiresome or grow old or part from you. Second, worldly ambition is disillusioning because it is self-centered and you may achieve it without feeling there is anything else to conquer. And all of us have experienced the empty feeling that goes along with that which is static. Then

there are thrills that have a variety of expressions. As the ancient stoics listed four cardinal sins - fear, greed, grief and hilarity - they pulled within their shell and purposed to live the life of reason. But they found the emotional life drying up and distressing. So they turned their backs on emotion. Jesus talked of joy in a different vein. Listen to him as we read for you John 16:19-24.

Now three expressions that stand out in this passage:
 + First "your sorrow shall be turned into joy". That is God's method. Man tries to rid himself of sorrow by repressing, by pushing it into the back of his mind, by forgetting it. But on the divine plan, one emotion is not substituted for another. But there is the positive fact to God's truth, God's peace, God's grace which has power to convert the sorrow. Jesus compared it to the experience of the woman in travail. When the child is born, the joy of this precious new love turns the sorrow into joy. Do you see what the master meant? I cannot explain just how this takes place inside of the Christian but I can say that I believe it happens and I know it happens.

In fact, I witnessed it many times in many ways.
 For example, here is a story of a woman who has a cancer. This is an actual case. Before her illness she was worldly and careless. Had little time or thought for God. Now her cancer is spreading and she is not sure that x-ray is handling it but

here is her testimony, "I'm glad that I had the cancer. It has brought me to realize that Christ can be real in a person's life. And even with a grave illness I'm happier than I was before."

No wonder Clement of Alexander who lived around A.D. 200 said, "Jesus has turned all our sunsets into sunrises."

A third-century Christian writer said, "a church is the one thing in the world that always rejoices."

+ In the second place, Jesus said your joy no man taketh from you. (22) People who have only worldly joy cannot keep their joy. They blow hot and cold. They are on again and off again and happiness to them depends on external health, external wealth, external youth, friends, external popularity, or praise. Over and over Jesus spoke of my joy. He had oppositions, persecutions, insults, poverty, strife, but he also had God. Such joy causes what Job had in mind when he described God as "he who giveth songs in the night." (Job. 35:10)

God's people can muster enough joy to sing in the middle of the night. Paul and Silas in prison expressed their joy. The only joy that is worth having is one that is stronger than our environment. Stronger than the forces of nature within and without about us. However there are a great number of people in the world today whose happiness depends on just a few things and a few circumstances about them that will fit their mind and satisfy their own ideas.

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celebrate a victory. And the same people as I've said many times go to a football game and yell like a Comanche Indian but when they come to the house of God, they sit like a wooden Indian. But let me tell you that such anemic Christians are not normal. Healthy Christians have a deep, overflowing joy. They do not have a sad looking appearance, they smile. Their gospel means good news, not just good views. We should never forget that the best invitation the world has to our churches is not a bell in the tower, is not a sign out on the lawn, it's not the steeple on the top of the building, but the best invitation that people have to our church is the radiant joy in the face of the church-goers.

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Delight thyself in the Lord and he will give thee the desires of thine heart. If you want God most, you will be sure to get him. If your heart's desires are after him, Your heart's desires will be satisfied.

But if your life and your struggling against God and against his will and it is not that his will be done, then there is doubt that your prayers will be answered and that you will receive this perfect joy. The promise is of joy that come of the satisfaction of meek desires in union with Christ's will. Even amidst the ups and downs that we have, the changes in life, the tempest-tossed life of ours that he will give us this deep, abiding jewel. It will be filled or fulfilled. If we could picture a cup being filled to the brim with some delicious juice. There is no room for a drop more. There are Christians in this world who are happy to the very limits of their capacity. Was anybody so blessed that he could be more so? Was your cup ever so full that there was no room for another drop in it? Jesus Christ says that it may be so and he tells us how it may be so. Bring your desires into harmony with God. And your will will be satisfied through his power. That we will have the central joy in God. There are some flowers which only bloom in the night and white blossoms are visible when all of the purples and the reds are hid. We do not know the depth, the preciousness, the power of the joy of the Lord until we have felt it shining in

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For the joy of the Lord is your strength - Heb. 8:10.
after conversion. Now it's not some good deed. You might con-

tinue depending upon yourself for salvation. But your first
command is to follow Jesus. In baptism.

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shall be done unto you. Praying brings great joy. Prayer can
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to hear and answer us if we do not listen to him first. If you
abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask anything to
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hypocrisy. We will not find ourselves being cleansed. If we do
not study our Bible and find the assurances here, we shall not
get the answer.

A mystic in Egypt claimed to have some intimate contact
with the eternal, was traveling with a group on a journey. They
were walking along through a native village and the rain came and
they took shelter in an old barn. As they stood there watching
the rain, one of the young pupils who accompanied the sage, asked
this searching question, "How can a man experience God?" In
front of the barn was a patch of green grass. The mystic took
off his turban saying, "Hold this and I will show you something."
He stepped out into the open and lay flat on his back with his
mouth wide open to the rain. When he came back to the barn, he
said to the student, "You see what I mean?" I received the gift
of God directly without an intermediary of any kind. The illus-

for ornament, it must bear grapes. And the secret of Christian
joy is fulfilling the purpose of being a Christian.

What is the fruit of the Christian life? Of what use is
a Christian? What distinctive thing is he supposed to do?

Primarily the fruit of a Christian is another Christian.
If we do not produce, reproduce ourselves, we are headed toward
extinction. The same is true in religion. The same is true in
physical existence. (Soul winning) A Christian is supposed to be spiritually
fertile. How is this done? By Christlike living, by service,
by joy, by giving, by loving, by teaching and by preaching.
Jesus showed this by his own example.

There is a negative side to this also. We might just as
well face it because he said in verse 2 "every branch in me that
bearth not fruit is taken away." That is, by the pruning instru-
ment, we that cease to bear fruit, for an example he says, shall
be cut away. Now if we bear some fruit, Jesus says, the father
will bring to pass these things which will make us better Christ-
ians. If we refuse to try to bear fruit, we will soon become
utterly useless in Christ's kingdom. If you abide not in me, he is
cast forth as a branch that is withered and men gather them up
for the fire. They are burned (6).

Sometimes we think about this branch that withers and was
cast into the fire. It could refer to church people as well.
Not that they have lost their salvation but they've withered up,

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalm 30:5.

In ancient Rome a prison guard felt sorry for the prisoner who was soon to die because of his faith in Christ. The guard secretly allowed the man's daughter to visit him in his cell. After she was gone, the guard stared at the prisoner until the prisoner said, "Why are you gazing at me?" And the guard answered, "Because you don't seem a bit worried. You are going to die tomorrow and tonight you saw your daughter for the last time." "Oh, but you are wrong," replied the prisoner, "I shall see her again. She is a Christian, also, and Christians never part for the last time. I will meet her in Heaven and we will be together forever."

—W. H. FORD

Yes, we'll meet again in the morning, in the dawn of a fairer day;
When the night of watching and waiting, with its darkness has passed
away;

Where no shadows veil the sunshine, over there in the heavenly land,
And the crystal waves of the river, ever flow o'er the golden sand.

they are useless believers and sometimes God just casts these men aside and they fall in the fires of false doctrines and bad habits and they get proud and they are unhappy. Now God knows how but do not forget now the choice is between bearing fruit being cut off, between joyous fellowship with Christ and our fellowship with the world and our power depends upon our body in Christ.

The whole aspect here is that Jesus says the secret of fruit-bearing is abiding in him. One translator says, "continue in me"; another "remain united to me"; another "remain in union with me". What did Jesus really mean? If he meant prayer, we can all pray more. If he meant work, we can all work harder. But he did not say that. And merely praying and merely doing something will not take the place of doing his will as he reveals it.

Jesus said that we are to draw life from him as a tender stem must be attached to the strong branch. So the Christian life. We can not be independent of Jesus. If you've ever pruned a grapevine or some bush and you cut off the green leaves and you note that in a few minutes they wither away. Now without Christ, you can do nothing. In home life, in business, anywhere.

+ How can we have this joy? I'll make Joy suggestions here that come out of this scripture. That we've been talking about.

First of all, through Bible study. The word of God. Not

simply that what somebody has said about the Bible. But to continue to read and study these. When people set up books alongside the word of Christ as authoritative guides or helps, you are going to be mised. It's amazing to me how many people there are who never try the Bible. It's a spiritual tonic. It will give

joy to your heart. And if ye abide in me and my word abide in you, the word, the word of God, will bring joy to the Christian. *J.W. (Bill) Marshall wrote in The Baptist Standard - On the night I was baptized I was alone in my room. Reading the Bible, I remember that my heart was filled with joy - The joy of Gal. - I had to share it. I wrote my mother, I thought out a time to tell of the joy. No joy like it except when I have won another to accept Jesus.*

Second, keep his commandments. If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love. Now this does not mean that we do not do what is acceptable to the Christian community. It means that each one of us finds out for himself what Christ commanded.

Second-hand religion does not fit or wear very well. Each person ought to allow the Holy Spirit to fit him in the garment that God has prepared for him. We can never say that we are abiding in Christ as long as we do not find out for ourselves what Christ's will is for us. As a matter of obedience of his command to discover them. Now that is why baptism is entered into devotedly. It means so much to a genuine Christian. It's a unique command. But it's not something that washes away our sins. Or regenerates us. But it's a kind of test to see whether you really intended to take your orders from Christ. It's a picture of a confession. It's more than that. It's a command. It's the first command

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What a transformation, what a victory and what a success and all because Jesus was allowed to come into the lives of these two boys.

Dr. Westmoreland said, "I could pay for their haircuts, the baths, and the new clothes. I could even give them a Bible. But I never could have done for them and with them what Jesus did for them and with me." So those two men walk with Jesus today. And they have joy in their hearts because Jesus came into their lives.

Bro. Jones: Revival at church - went out - sun something with by shoulders - This 4 - turn here - soon in front - near house - on Bench - talked - to Revival - night so after found in town - watched man pick her & go down - Feeling of joy can't express -

tration is not a perfect one but you can see and you can know God, you cannot know God, except through his son Jesus. But once he is revealed you are able to receive him and abide in him and he opens your heart and lets him flood your soul with the joy of heaven. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be filled. There are the words of a song that convey great meaning, that when Jesus comes to a life, joy comes. "One sat along beside the highway begging. His eyes were blind, the light he could not see. He clutched his rags and shivered in the shadows. Then Jesus came and did his darkness flee. From home and friends the evil spirits drove him. Among the tombs he dwelt in misery. He cut himself as demon powers possessed him. Then Jesus came and set the captive free. Their hearts were sad as in the tomb they laid him. For death had come and taken him away. Their night was dark and bitter tears were falling. Then Jesus came and night was turned to day. So men today have found the Saviour able. They could not conquer passion, lust and sin. Their broken hearts had left them sad and lonely. Then Jesus came and dwelt himself within. When Jesus comes the tempter's power is broken. When Jesus comes the tears are wiped away. He takes the gloom and fills the life with glory. For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay."

That's the answer. I am come that they might have life and they might have it more abundantly. To this end I was born

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and for these ^{Picture} ~~are~~ ^{out} ~~are~~ into the world. The son of man came not to be ministered ^{to} ~~to~~ but to minister and to give his life as ransom for many.

Fourth - ~~When you are~~ Soul Winning

One of the most thrilling stories of what Jesus can do with a life when he is allowed to come in and to abide is related of Dr. E. H. Westmoreland of Houston, Texas. He told a story at Ridgecrest, N. C. It was a wonderful experience. It happened when he was a college student. And at Washata College and was conducting a tent revival in a little community out from Arkadelphia, Arkansas. This was back in 1927. He went about among the people in the community and invited them to the services. There were two little boys who lived in an abandoned box-car down by the railroad tracks. The father was a drunkard and these two boys sold peanuts to help support the family. Some one had nicknamed them "Piggy" and "Hoggy". And they were known by these names throughout the community. The visiting preacher invited them to the services. They were rough, discourteous and declined. The next day he learned that they learned liked to play baseball. He decided to organize a baseball team and have a game played each afternoon. Many of the children in the community were coming to the evening services and singing in the Junior Choir. So Dr. Westmoreland learned that one of these boys liked to sing. And to be in the choir, a boy had to memorize a verse of scripture. So after learning about the baseball team and the choir

these boys became interested and they wanted to go but they recognized their ragged clothes, dirty bodies and they had an excuse. Dr. Westmoreland was not discouraged. He carried them to a barber shop and had their hair cut. He gave them a nice warm bath, he bought them some new clean clothes. That night they attended the service for the first time in their lives. For days thereafter you could see them sitting on the street curb reading their Bible and selling peanuts. Before the revival was over, both of these boys were converted and baptized. Dr. Westmoreland returned to his schoolwork. "And shortly thereafter with a prayer in his heart that these two boys would amount to something. Fifteen years passed and he was invited back to Arkadelphia to lead another revival. He and the pastor just leaving the church on Sunday afternoon to go visiting. He heard talking and laughing in one of the classrooms and the pastor replied, "Oh, that's one of my deacons conducting a Royal Ambassadors meeting. He's one of the best deacons that any pastor ever had. He's a young fellow." The visiting minister wanted to meet the deacon and who should it be but one of those boys whose name was "Piggy". What a happy reunion they had together - this fine Christian went to high school, worked his way through Washata College, paid his own campaign expenses for district attorney of the county court and much of his money for all these things continued to come from selling peanuts. He was an offi-

cer of outstanding ability in the world war II. Dr. Westmoreland of course, wanted to know what happened to his brother, "Toggy". And he discovered that he was preaching out in California.

What a transformation, what a victory and what a success and all because Jesus was allowed to come into the lives of these two boys.

Dr. Westmoreland said, "I could pay for their haircuts, the baths, and the new clothes. I could even give them a Bible. But I never could have done for them and with them what Jesus did for them and with me." So those two men walk with Jesus today. And they have joy in their hearts because Jesus came into their lives.

Bro. Jones: Revival at church - went out - sun something with by shoulders - This 4th - turn here - on soon in front - road house - on Bush - talked - to Revival - night so after found in town watched man pick her & go down - Feeling of joy can't express -

tration is not a perfect one but you can see and you can know God, you cannot know God, except through his son Jesus. But once he is revealed you are able to receive him and abide in him and he opens your heart and lets him flood your soul with the joy of heaven. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be filled.

There are the words of a song that convey great meaning that when Jesus comes to a life, joy comes. "One sat along beside the highway begging. His eyes were blind, the light he could not see. He clutched his rags and shivered in the shadows. Then Jesus came and did his darkness flee. From home and friends the evil spirits drove him. Among the tombs he dwelt in misery. He cut himself as demon powers possessed him. Then Jesus came and set the captive free. Their hearts were sad as in the tomb they laid him. For death had come and taken him away. Their night was dark and bitter tears were falling. Then Jesus came and night was turned to day. So men today have found the Saviour able. They could not conquer passion, lust and sin. Their broken hearts had left them sad and lonely. Then Jesus came and dwelt himself within. When Jesus comes the tempter's power is broken. When Jesus comes the tears are wiped away. He takes the gloom and fills the life with glory. For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay."

That's the answer. I am come that they might have life and they might have it more abundantly. To this end I was born

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and for this ^{purpose} ~~came~~ into the world. The son of man came not to be ministered ^{to} but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many.

Fourth - like you said Soul Winning

One of the most striking stories of what Jesus can do with a life when he is allowed to come in and to abide is related of Dr. E. H. Westmoreland of Houston, Texas. He told a story at Ridgecrest, N. C. It was a wonderful experience. It happened when he was a college student. And at Washata College and was conducting a tent revival in a little community out from Arkadelphia, Arkansas. This was back in 1927. He went about among the people in the community and invited them to the services. There were two little boys who lived in an abandoned box-car down by the railroad tracks. The father was a drunkard and these two boys sold peanuts to help support the family. Someone had nicknamed them "Piggy" and "Hoggy". And they were known by these names throughout the community. The visiting preacher invited them to the services. They were rough, discourteous and declined. The next day he learned that they learned liked to play baseball. He decided to organize a baseball team and have a game played each afternoon. Many of the children in the community were coming to the evening services and singing in the Junior Choir. So Dr. Westmoreland learned that one of these boys liked to sing. And to be in the choir, a boy had to memorize a verse of scripture. So after learning about the baseball team and the choir

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