

SERMON NOTES

Title: Fruit That Is Never Out Of Season: Joy

Text: Galatians 5:22

Topic: Joy

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Devotional



Happiness and joy are not the same.

Happiness is **external**.

Joy is **internal**.

Happiness is based on **chance**.

Joy is based on **choice**.

Happiness is relies on **circumstances**.

Joy relies on **Christ**.

The following kill the joy in a relationship.

1. SELFISHNESS. James 4:1-2 James 3:16

2. RESENTMENT. Hebrews 12:15; Proverbs 11:29

3. FEAR. Proverbs 12:25; I John 4:18

What's the secret to overcoming these killjoys?

1. FOCUS ON GIVING. Acts 20:35

You can **give** without loving, but you cannot **love** without giving.

A lot of what is called *love* today, really isn't love. It's **Lust**.

2. FOCUS ON HEALING. Col. 3:13

Rather than experiencing a hurt and immediately dropping it, we revel in it, we rehearse it in our minds. That only hurts you more.

It's easier to handle a hurt when you know that God **can use it for your good**. Romans 5:3-4

3. FOCUS ON GOD'S POWER. Psalms 62:8; Psalm 56:3; Phil 4:4

I can be joyful always, because God is with me. Isaiah 43:2

I can be joyful always because God has a plan for me. Romans 8:28

I can rejoice always because God will help me. Psalm 43:5

Next Sunday's Sermon

"Fruit That Is Never Out Of Season: Peace"

Texts: Matthew 5:9, Proverbs 28:8

When conflict occurs in a relationship how can you resolve it in a constructive, positive way? What does it mean to be a peacemaker? We will consider two misconceptions about peace and learn practical steps to bringing about reconciliation a broken relationship.