

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy to the World

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Topic: Joy

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...the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. (II Tim. 4:6-8)

In this final letter, we get a glimpse into the soul of a man who has experienced, and is currently experiencing **the joy** of God. But how did he get it?

There's a powerful connection between **faithfulness and fruitfulness** and the joy of God.

“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master”

“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

Joy is given as the product of **fruit-bearing**. If you bear fruit you'll experience the joy of God.

“the seventy returned with joy” (10-17).

The joy of God is a deeply satisfying sense of fulfillment.

The joy of God is an affirming sense of personal worth.

In terms of self-esteem, Christians have a **distinct advantage** “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:10).

The joy of God is a passionate sense of calling.

“you do not choose me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit.” John 15

Every **Christian** is called by Jesus to live faithfully and to bear much fruit.

Why is it so important from God's perspective that we enter into His joy? First, He loves us and wants us to be **blessed** personally by the life that's found in Him. Second, God wants to **display Himself** to others through you, and by doing so, point others to Him.