

Discovering Peace and Joy in the Kingdom
Finding Joy in the Kingdom
Romans 14.17-19

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REVIEW: Finding Peace in the Kingdom

If there is one thing people are looking for today it is peace. As a matter of fact I would venture to guess that throughout the ages men and women have spent more time and energy in search of this one thing than any other thing in life. I know I have.

1. Understanding what peace really is Romans 5.1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
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- Eireenee - greek for the word peace Matt 10:34, Luke 19:42
- My "peace" I leave with you! John 14:27-28

27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

- The cross produces peace Col 1:20

20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

2. Peace is strong and active Phil 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

- Peace guards the heart!

It literally guards the heart in an active way!

- Peace rules the heart! Col 3:15

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Peace multiplies in the heart! 2 Peter 1:1-2

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3. Peace is promised to the kingdom man or woman!

- My salvation automatically gives me peace. Ro. 5.1
- Great peace belongs to those who love His principles! Ps 119:165

165 Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.

Intro – If people are searching for peace first then joy would be a definite second! Joy is that deep abiding sense of celebration about life and all the things associated with life. The promises concerning joy are unmistakable and unexplainable.

1. How does God describe joy? Zeph 3:17

17 "The LORD your God is in your midst,
A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy,
He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy."

- Joy is a divine attribute!
- Joy is our strength! Nehemiah 8.10
- Joy can't be explained! 1 Peter 1:8-9

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

2. How do we receive joy?

- Joy is a promise in the kingdom Ro.14.17
- Joy comes through the Word Jer. 15.16/1 John 1.4
- Joy comes when freedom comes Isa 51:11

So the ransomed of the LORD will return
And come with joyful shouting to Zion, And everlasting joy will be on their heads.
They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

3. How do we maintain joy?

There is something we must do to maintain the gift of joy, the fruit of the Spirit. Fruit must be carefully watched over in certain seasons.

i.e. Orange crops in the winter

- Cruise with joy! Acts 20.24

By not counting your life dear to yourself...

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- Count it joy! James 1.2-4

2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

- Call it joy! Heb 12:2

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Is 51.11 obtain joy and gladness

Jer. 15.16 word was the joy and rejoicing of my heart

Jer. 31.13 obtain joy and gladness

James 1.2