

SERMON TOPIC: CHOOSE JOY

SERMON OUTLINE

Choosing Joy is a Choice
 Choosing Joy must be intentional
 Joy is a feeling, that comes after you make a choice
 Stop hunting for happiness
 Change of Pace + Change of Place = A New Perspective
 It is impossible to be guilty and happy at the same time.

KEY POINTS

Sin destroys our identity

Psalms 38 v 4 & 6
 Hebrews 12 v 1 - 3

Why Joy?

Isaiah 9 v 2 - 3

Choose (daily) to put to death my old sin nature.

Psalm 51 v 2: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
Romans 8v 12 - 13 (NLT): Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, under no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.
Acts 3 v 19 – 20: Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord

Daily pursue God's plan for my life.

Psalm 51 v 10: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Romans 12 v 2 (NLT): Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Life-changing JOY is inside out

Galatians 5 v 22 – 23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Life-changing JOY is beyond circumstances

Psalm 19 v 8
 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Daily live a life that impacts others.

Psalm 51 v 12 – 13: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation... and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You.

Life-changing joy is with others

Psalm 16 v 11 (ESV): You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Daily release my past and take another step toward freedom

Psalm 51 v 7: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
James 5 v 16 (MSG): Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

Heavenly order of JOY

Jesus - Matthew 6 v 33 (AMP): But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.
Others - Acts 20 v 35: In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Yourself - 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT): Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.