

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS JOY
GALATIANS 5:22

HOW WOULD YOU MEASURE THE FRUIT OF JOY IN YOUR LIFE?

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I. THE RESULT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DOMINATING IN OUR LIVES IS THE
THE FRUIT OF JOY

A. Joy is of God

1. John 15:11

2. Ecclesiastes 2:25

B. If joy is of God then only He can produce such joy

1. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to live out life through us

C. Does that mean we do nothing?

D. The Fruit of the Spirit

1. Is Joy

The Command of God for us to do

Philippians 4:4

E. So is it the Holy Spirit or us?

II. THE MEANING OF THE WORD JOY

In the Old Testament

A. "simchah

1. Has connections with the thought of bright and shining
2. 1 Samuel 18:6

B. "euphrosyne"

1. The culmination of the entire being, the whole person
2. Deuteronomy 16:13

C. "rinnah"

1. Has the idea of exuberant expression of joy
2. Shouting
3. Psalm 33:1

D. What do these words tell you about joy?

1. It is sung
2. It is displayed
3. It is exuberant

In the New Testament

A. "Chara"

1. Cheerfulness, a delight, gladness,
2. To jump for joy
3. To exalt
4. The word is tied to the spiritual realm
5. Luke 2:10; 1 Peter 4:13
6. What does this word indicate about joy?

III. WHAT ABOUT SUCH JOY?

A. It is the desire of Christ that we have this joy John 15:11

B. We are to have this joy always Philippians 4:4

C. We are to find such joy at salvation Luke 19:6

D. There is joy at baptism Acts 8:39

E. There is joy in trials James 1:2

F. There is joy in being persecuted Acts 5:41