

Sermon Series Title: "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Sermon Series Summary: In Christ, we have received new hearts and new life. With this new life, God bears the Fruit of the Spirit. It's not something we do. It's something that God grows within us through His Spirit.

"We are in our "Fruit of the Spirit" sermon series, and through this series, we see that our growth is not quantified by the works we accomplish but is defined by the fruit God's Spirit bears within us through His Son."

Call: 2 Samuel 22:30

Text: Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 5:1-11

Title: "The Fruit of Joy"

Next Week's Call: 2 Samuel 22:31

Next Week's Text: Galatians 5:22-23, John 14:25-27

Next Week's Title: "The Fruit of Peace"

Future Calls: 2 Samuel 22:32, 33, 47-49, 50-51

Future Titles: "Patience" (Galatians 5:22-23, 1 John 3:11-18)

Fallen Condition Focus: We do not have joy.

Christ redeeming FCF: We have joy, because our hope has been secured in Christ, who made us His joy.

Central Truth: We can have joy, because our hope has been secured in Christ, who made us His joy.

Summary: The second fruit is joy. Through Romans 5, we see that we are called to have joy even in suffering, because our hope has been secured for us by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins. We are able to have joy ultimately, because Christ has made us His joy.

Reflective Questions:

1. How would you define joy?
2. Do you have joy currently? Why or why not?
3. What sustains our joy as Christians?

I. Introduction

- A. Hook
- B. Transition
- C. Proposition
- D. Points

II. What is Joy?

- A. Joy is the second fruit. It is very important.
- B. Our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
 - 1. Christian Hedonism- "God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him." -John Piper
- C. Paul calls us to rejoice always a couple times in Philippians 4. It's a command.
- D. Joy is a component of our salvation (Psalm 51).
- E. In the psalms, we see that we are called to sing for joy because of the Lord.
- F. Joy is steadfast contentment, rooted deeply in the hope of Christ.
 - 1. Pastor Tim Keller defines it as a delight in God just for the sheer beauty and worth of who He is.
 - 2. Counterfeit joy is an elation or optimism based on temporary circumstances, earthly treasures, or the finite self.
 - 1. FDR- optimist

III. What does it look like? (vv. 1-5)

- A. Rom 1-3- Need for justification
- B. Rom 3-4- How to receive justification
- C. Therefore- in light of being justified by faith (Abraham believed in God's promises and it was counted to Him as righteousness- same for us)
- D. Peace with God through Jesus
 - 1. No peace before; enemies in need of reconciliation
 - 2. Righteousness before God, being right with God in relationship
- E. Grace (unmerited favor) in which we stand- like an anchor
 - 1. Grace and peace go together a lot for Paul.
- F. Rejoice in hope of the glory of God- in salvation, future glory
- G. Joy's opposite is not sorrow.
 - 1. There is much sorrow in Scripture (Psalm 28, 42, etc.). For the Christian, joy is experienced in the midst of sorrow. Spurgeon
 - 2. Joy's opposite is hopelessness and despair.
- H. Joy in our suffering
 - 1. Not enjoy our suffering (masochism)
 - 2. Joy in suffering means that our joy is not rooted in earthly possessions

- 3. Joy is rooted in something that our suffering cannot take away- hope in Christ
- I. Purpose in our suffering
 - 1. Endurance > Character > Hope
- J. Not put to shame because God's love has been poured into our hearts
- IV. What is it found upon? (vv. 6-11)
 - A. Joy is rooted in the eternal... in God Himself. But what happens when our relationship with Him is broken?
 - B. We were weak, sinners, and enemies, but Christ died for us. That is the foundation of our joy- the death of Christ.
 - C. One would scarcely die for a righteous (rule-following) person and maybe for a good (warm, loving) person.
 - D. We will be saved by Him from the wrath of God since we are now justified.
 - E. We are reconciled to God through the death of Jesus.
 - F. We can rejoice because we have God through Jesus' death.
 - 1. Joy is not found when we try to look and seek for joy. Joy is found when we cast our eyes to Jesus, because we are justified, adopted, and saved. WE get God.
 - G. Hebrews 12 shows us that Jesus died because He has made us His joy. He gets us. That's the source of our joy.