

Real Joy: Together in Prayer

Philippians 1:9-11

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“Joy” is a Spirit produced enjoyment that comes from having confidence in God and His promises.

I. The Request

1. Abounding love

Ephesians 5:2 *Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us...*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 *May the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, ...so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness.....*

2. Knowledge and Discernment

Proverbs 18:15 *For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

1 Corinthians 13:6 *(Love) does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth.*

II. The Results

1. Distinguish the excellent

2. Growing Christ-like

1 John 2:6 *He that says he abides in him ought to walk even as he walked.*

Matthew 5:16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 *Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;... so that they may be saved.*

3. Glorifying God

SCREEN ONLY - One slide???? (PASTOR TODD MIGHT NOT GET TO THIS SLIDE ON SUNDAY)

Matthew 6:9-13

Praise: Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Repent: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Ask: Give us this day our daily bread; ...deliver us from the evil one.

Yield: Your kingdom Come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse - Jesus said, *"I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."* John 3:3

Times with the Lord this week - If you have extra time, look up the cross references with the Transformation Scripture.

#1- Reviewing this Past Sunday

1. Read Philippians 1:9-11 and discuss the message with someone.
2. How does "knowing God" motivate your prayer life?
3. Why must our love for God and others keep deepening and maturing?
4. Is there anything you are led to confess after reading this passage?
5. Pray for your church and others using this passage.

2- Preparing for Next Sunday

Joy In Adversity Philippians 1:12-18

1. Read Philippians 1:12-18.
2. How did Paul's difficult circumstances improve his ministry? (12-14)
3. What led Paul to rejoicing while in prison? (15-18)
4. What do you most appreciate about God during troubled times?
5. In what ways are God's people meant to be a blessing to others during difficult times?
6. Pray for someone in adversity and reach out to him or her.