

Hurstbourne Baptist Church; June 21, 2020
Sermon Notes: Galatians 5:22
The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

Sermon Outline

- God of **Joy**
- God's Joy in **Jesus**
- God's Joy in **Us**

God of Joy

- God is the **blessed** God (1 Timothy 1:11).
- God **delights** in the Trinity.

God's Joy in Jesus

- God is **pleased** with Jesus (Psalm 45:7; Matthew 3:17).
- "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:10-11).

God's Joy in Us

- As Christians, we have the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Ezekiel 36:26, Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 2:12, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Galatians 3:2, Titus 3:3-7).
- Therefore, we possess the Joy of God (Galatians 5:22).

An Urgent Application

- We Live in an Age of **Rage**.
- The Joy of Jesus in Real Life:
 - o "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).
 - o **Joy** enabled Jesus to endure the cross.

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- “Joy ... is the gigantic secret of the Christian” (Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*, 167).
- “All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both, attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves” (Pascal, *Pensées*, 45).
- “The tremendous figure which fills the Gospels towers in this respect, as in every other, above all the thinkers who ever thought themselves tall. His pathos was natural, almost casual. The Stoics, ancient and modern, were proud of concealing their tears. He never concealed His tears; He showed them plainly on His open face at any daily sight, such as the far sight of His native city. Yet He concealed something. Solemn supermen and imperial diplomatists are proud of restraining their anger. He never restrained His anger. He flung furniture down the front steps of the Temple, and asked men how they expected to escape the damnation of Hell. Yet He restrained something. I say it with reverence; there was in that shattering personality a thread that must be called shyness. There was something that He hid from all men when He went up a mountain to pray. There was something that He covered constantly by abrupt silence or impetuous isolation. There was some one thing that was too great for God to show us when He walked upon our earth; and I have sometimes fancied that it was His mirth” (Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*, 170).
- “To please God ... to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness ... to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son- it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is” (Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*, 39).
- “God is happiness by his essence” (Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, I-II.3.1).
- “The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing” (Zephaniah 3:17).
- “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11).
- “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:3-4).