

Sermon Notes – 06.22.2025 – The Joy & Peace of Pleasing God

In the Middle of Teaching the Roman Christians How to Handle their Differences About Eating and Drinking, Paul Says Something Powerful About the Core of What it Means to be a Christian:

Righteousness, peace, and Joy in the Holy Spirit

Romans 14:17-19 “... the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.”

Righteousness & Sanctification

The Fruit of Discipline & It's Outworking

Hebrews 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. 12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

Slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

Romans 6:19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

Righteousness: “God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure”

Philippians 2:12-15 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; 15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

Sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

Knowing peace

Jesus Gives Us Peace

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Peace to Overcome Tribulations

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

"The mind set on the Spirit is life and peace

Romans 8:5-6 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

Peace Comes Through Our Lord / The Love of God Has Been Poured into Our Hearts by the Holy Spirit

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; **4** and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; **5** and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Joy - The blessing that comes from knowing the Lord – "Joy in the Holy Spirit"

"Believing" Opens the Door for God to Fill Us With Joy and Peace

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Joy & Mirth Are Different – Pray for the Outpouring of Joy & the Holy Spirit

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Joy doesn't Come by Pretending – Ask the Lord to renew your joy

Our Final Destiny

Matthew 25:21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'"