



SERMON NOTES

May 17, 2020

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16 (NAS)

“When And Why We Rejoice”

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16 Rejoice always;

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever

I. MEMORIZE “REJOICE ALWAYS” I Thessalonians 5:16

II. THE ATTRIBUTE, JOY, IS GIVEN BY GOD’S SPIRIT *Galatians 5:22*

- A. Struggle Between The Flesh And The Spirit *Galatians 5:19-21*
- B. This Joy Is For God’s People
 - 1. It pleases God *I Thessalonians 4:1*
 - 2. It is part of our sanctification *I Thessalonians 4:3*
- C. Are you Trusting Jesus Today So You Can Know This Joy?

III. JOY DEFINED

- A. The Anticipation Of Or The Experience Of Something Good
- B. Good Measured By The Standard Of God Himself
- C. Some Joy Is Temporal
- D. This Joy Is A Permanent Possession Based On God’s Unchangeable Promises *Romans 14:17; I Peter 1:3-6*

IV. WE REJOICE IN:

- A. Forgiveness

B. Imputed Righteousness

C. Permanent Presence Of Christ *Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5; I Thessalonians 5:9-10*

D. The Hope Of Glory *Romans 8:18; Jude 1:24*

V. CLING TO THIS JOY

- A. Through Meditation On God’s Promises
- B. Through Faith In God’s Promises

VI. A PLACE FOR SORROW

- A. Is This Joy Interrupted Or Does It Co-Exist?
- B. The Word “Always” Calls For Co-Existence *James 1:2-4; I Peter 3:6; I Thessalonians 4:13*
- C. Weeping With Those Who Sorrow *Romans 12:15*
- D. Nothing Can Steal Away Our Joy *Romans 8:38-39*