

Fruits of the Spirit(Joy)

Fruit trees normally produce one type of fruit. An apple tree yields apples and an orange tree yields oranges. But productive Christians are peculiar, because they yield more than one type of fruit.

We will examine one of these fruits and it is **Joy** (Gal. 5:22-23). There is a difference between happiness and **Joy**. Happiness depends upon the external while **Joy** depends upon the internal. If you are producing **Joy** then it will be evident no matter what state you are in.

I. Joy Abides....“That my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full” (John 15:11)

- Not the joy of this world, but the joy of the Lord
- This joy takes up permanent resident in the hearts of believers
- The joy of the believer is full, and if it is full then there is no room for doubt, depression, sadness, etc.

II. Joy Substains “Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despised the shame ” (Heb. 12:2)

- This joy keeps us from surrendering
- The joy of the Lord is my strength (Neh. 8:10)
- This joy will sustain you when confronted with difficult days

III. Joy Endures.... “Your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh (Jn 16:22)

- This joy that I have the world didn’t give it and it can’t take it away
- This joy comforts us in our present condition knowing that there is a brighter day ahead.
- This joy lets us know that weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning (Ps. 30:5)

IV. Joy Is Expressive ... “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands” (Ps 100:1)

- The redeemed of the Lord ought to say so
- Christians should show gladness for what the God of Abraham has done
- We should make a joyful noise and not racket