

AfterThoughts
June 13, 2021
Sermon Title: Cultivated In His Character: Joy
Scripture: [Galatians 5:22-23](#)

This week, Pastor David continued the sermon series, Cultivated In His Character, from Galatians 5. Specifically, we looked at:

- 1. Our Joy is Rooted in the Character of a Joyful God**
- 2. Our Joy is Rooted in the Assurance of Our Forgiveness**
- 3. Our Joy is Rooted in the Assurance of Our Future**

Going Deeper:

1. Pastor David shared that, despite the circumstances in our lives, our joy is tethered to our joyful God—our boundless, infinite source of joy. How does knowing this source of joy comfort and encourage you? How would your relationships at home and work improve if you fully embraced this truth from God’s word?
2. In John 15, Jesus taught us to abide deeply in Him. When we do, we tap into the infinite joy contained in the divine triangle of love—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How are you experiencing the fullness of joy Jesus came to give you?
3. As a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit dwells in you and calls you to be a vessel of the joy of the Lord. Who needs you to be a vessel of joy in his/her life? How can you reach out to that person this week?
4. Pastor David reminded us that every experience of joy on earth is a prelude to the endless joy you will experience in eternity. How does this truth give you joy and hope in the circumstances you face? Who can you share this joy and hope with this week?

Additional Discovery:

[Matthew 5:4](#)
[James 1:2-4](#)
[John 15:11](#)
[Romans 15:13](#)
[Luke 2:8-11](#)
[Philippians 4:4](#)
[Revelation 5:13](#)

God, You are the highest good of the reasonable creature, and the enjoyment of You is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven fully to enjoy You, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here. Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, children, or the company of earthly friends, are but shadows. But the enjoyment of You is the substance.

These are but scattered beams, but You are the sun.
These are but streams, but You are the fountain.
These are but drops, but You are the ocean.

~Jonathan Edwards

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

~ Ephesians 3:20–21

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