**Are you committed to having Joy in Jesus?**

Intro: -- John\_15:11  “These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.”

* Is Jesus a joy to you?
* Is going to heaven joy to you?
* Why is Heaven a joy to you?
* Because of all the fun games and activities they have?
* No! – Because it is where Jesus is!
* Happiness comes from games and activates!
* Joy comes from Believing Jesus!!! - **Question – Do you have joy?**
* Do you have Jesus? --- If yes – Praise God! --- If no – Why not?

**God told His people to watch out from idols, idols are worthless!**

* 1 Chron. 16:26 - For all the gods of the people are idols…. [They are worthless!]
* 1 Chron. 16:27 - Glory and honor [Splendor and Majesty] are in His presence; strength and gladness [joy] are in His place.

**The Idols of the world cannot fill the soul.**

1. **People try to finds joy in earthly things! They think:**

* Sports will make me joyful! ----Sex will make me joyful!
* Stealing will make me joyful! ----Stinginess will make me joyful!

1. **People can only find Joy in the Jesus!**

* **Jesus can fill you with all Joy** –
* Romans 15:13  Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
* **Believing Jesus is believing that all things are possible!**
* Mark 9:23  “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”
* God can turn your dark days to light!
* God can forgive your sins and make you whole!
* God can bring joy when there is sadness!
* Will you go to God?
* James 4:8  “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...”

**God tells us a story of a rich ruler who had temporary pleasure and lost his soul in Hell in Luke 16:19-31**

**Selfishness and Sin will blind you!**

* V19 - The lost Rich Sinner had his priorities wrong, had no time for God.
* V20-21 – The lost Rich Sinner cared about himself more than God and others.
* V22 - The lost Rich Sinner wasn’t ready for his death, but death came.
* V22 – The lost Rich Sinner should have learned something for the beggar… the beggar went to God for His Joy! [We need a 2nd Birth]
* **God receives all that seek Him** - Proverbs 8:17 “I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.”
* V23 – The Rich Sinner learned that life away from God isn’t what he taught it will be!
* **God’s promises are sweet to the Believer!** - 2 Cor. 5:8 “ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”
* **God’s promises to the Lost Sinners are bitter!** - Galatians 6:7 “Be not deceived [mislead]; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

**V23,25-28 -The Future for the Sinner without Jesus**

1. His Eyes v23 – Full knowledge in Hell
2. His Body v23– Full feelings in Hell
3. His Voice –v25 – Full words in Hell
4. His Eternity v26 – Full time in Hell
5. His Family v27-28 – Full Memory in Hell
6. His Torment 30 – Full regret in Hell “ regrets not repenting”

* Turn over your eyes to Jesus.
* Turn over your Body to Jesus.

**When we turn our lives over to God, God Promises the Best.**

Psalms 16:11

* “Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
* in Thy presence is fullness of joy;
* at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

1. Do you need guidance and direction? Go to Jesus!
2. Do you need joy? Go to Jesus!
3. Do you want real pleasure forever? Go to Jesus!

**It’s too late for The Rich Sinner --**

**It’s not too late for the sinner today that needs to go to Jesus --**

God is waiting – God rejoices to see a lost sinner come to Him!

*Luke 15:7 “I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”*

* **What is true about the Saved beggar now in Luke 16:25?**
* **What is true about the Lost Rich sinner now in Luke 16:25?**
* **What is going to be true about you when you die?**
* **What is true for all people in Luke 2:10-11?**