



Seven Sources of Joy

In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy. (2 Corinthians 7:4)

What is extraordinary about Paul is how unbelievably durable his joy was when things weren't going well. Where did this come from?

First of all, it was taught by Jesus: "Blessed are you when people hate you. . . . *Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven*" (Luke 6:22–23). Troubles for Jesus compound your interest in heaven — which lasts a lot longer than earth.

Second, it comes from the Holy Spirit, not our own efforts or imagination or family upbringing. "*The fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy*" (Galatians 5:22). "You received the word in much affliction, with *the joy of the Holy Spirit*" (1 Thessalonians 1:6).

Third, it comes from belonging to the kingdom of God. "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and *joy in the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 14:17).

Fourth, it comes through faith, that is, from believing God. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace *in believing*" (Romans 15:13). "I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and *joy in the faith*" (Philippians 1:25).

Fifth, it comes from seeing and knowing Jesus as Lord. "*Rejoice in the Lord* always" (Philippians 4:4).

Sixth, it comes from fellow believers who work hard to help us focus on these sources of joy, rather than deceitful circumstances. "*We work with you for your joy*" (2 Corinthians 1:24).

Seventh, it comes from the sanctifying effects of tribulations. "*We rejoice in our sufferings*, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:3–4).

If we are not yet like Paul when he says, "I am overflowing with joy," he calls us to be. "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). And for most of us this is a call to earnest prayer. Because a life of joy in the Holy Spirit is a *supernatural* life. (JP)

Mountain Gate Youth Activity Day: This Saturday, August 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., our young people will be coming together for food, games and prizes, sports activities, and worship. They will be meeting at Promenade Park, 615 Richey St. Corona, 92879.

Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart: Our next Theology 101 class will be Saturday, September 6th, at 9:00 a.m...

Wednesday Bible Study: Tonight, we will finish our study on The Seven Signs We Might Be Sowing to the Flesh. See you at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday's Service: Walking in the Newness of Life – Part 5 (Romans 6) https://youtu.be/hFzws0_1pxY

This Sunday's Message: (Philippians 3:1-11)



Great Quote: "When you feel that you can't understand why God does what He does, let your heart rest here: Your worst suffering and God's deepest sovereignty meet at the point of greatest love – the cross of Christ!" (Author Unknown)

Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for Darlene's upcoming heart procedure on September 3rd. Pray for both success and that – Lord willing – it will be her last heart procedure!
- Please pray for Rosa who just lost her aunt.
- Please pray for Krystal. She moved out from an abusive situation with a child and one on the way. Pray for a home and a healthy pregnancy.
- Please continue to pray for our sister, Andrea. Pray that she can adjust to her recent retirement and that God would open doors of opportunity to serve Him.
- Please continue to pray for Nicole and her family. They lost their house and car and are starting over. They have been approved for housing but are waiting for it to come through.
- Please continue to pray for Tomas. He is just starting out walking with the Lord. Please pray for a job so he can support his family.
- Please continue to pray for brother Jeff. He will be having surgery to remove a mass in his abdomen.
- Please continue to pray for Mary. She is undergoing treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. Please pray for healing and for more good days than bad ones.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or yea4god@gmail.com

Church Mailing Address: 3123 Harrison Street, Riverside, 92503

Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory!

Pastor Mike

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Proverbs 3:5-6

"Nothing but God exists for its own sake"

"God magnifies his greatness by making himself the supreme treasure of our hearts, even at great cost to himself (Rom 8:32), and so serving us in the very act of exalting his glory." (John Piper)

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