

JESUS WANTS YOU TO HAVE JOY IN 2007

John 15:11

Can you/I really expect to have more joy in 2007?

I. Jesus speaks for the _____ of giving me _____

“These things I have told you *so that my joy may be in you*”

What are “these things”?

15:1-10:

- Warning of my need to draw my life ever from Him, as a branch from a vine: v1-4 JOY
- The promise that if I do remain in Him, I will bear much fruit: v5, 8 JOY
- Additional promise that I can pray with confidence and authority: v7 JOY
- Assurance of His infinite love for me, and the invitation to rest in that life changing love: v9-10 JOY

II. The joy He gives is _____ joy

“so that **MY** joy may be in you”

A. The joy of abiding in the Father’s love: v9

B. The joy of obedience to the Father: v10

Cf. Psm 16:8-9

Contrast the ways we misuse the promise of our joy:

Jesus is for ME → self-centered thinking

Which robs me of His own joy

C. The joy of His completed work: 17:4; 19:30

Cf. Heb 12:2

That same joy is set before **me** (17:24)!

I rejoice also in His completed work. Nothing to add.

III. His joy in me makes my joy _____ and _____

“that your joy may be filled/complete”

i.e. all you can contain (cf. Psm 23:5)

How much do you want **that** kind of joy in 2007?

Enough to follow His words and set your heart on Him above all else?

Do people look at CPC as a **joyful** people?

Serious about their faith—yes. Busy—yes. Responsible—yes.

But **joyful**? Does the Gospel make you joyful?

If not, then there is something you are missing.

Be encouraged. Jesus says He wants that for you this year.