



Whatever
happened
to

Joy & the Holy Spirit

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Joy matters to God because it tells us what is “going on under the hood”— it is an indicator of our internal life.

Joy matters to God because it indicates what we **worship**.



For the kingdom of God
is not a matter of eating
and drinking, but of
righteousness, peace and
joy in the Holy Spirit

Romans 14:17, NIV

What Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit

- The incredible Comforter—John 14-16

- Jn 14:26 *He will TEACH you all things; he will REMIND you of everything I have said to you.*

- Jn 15:26 *He will TESTIFY about me.*

- Jn 16:8-11 *He will CONVICT the world of sin
... and of righteousness
... and of judgment.*

These verbs point to truth revealed and applied to individual lives.

What Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit

- The indispensable, coming Holy Spirit.
 - Acts 1:4,5 *“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

The Great Commission required Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit who would direct and energize the efforts of the disciples.

What Paul taught about the Holy Spirit

- Romans 8.

- 8:9 *If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ he does not belong to Christ.*

- 8:13 *If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live.*

- 8:14 *Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

- 8:16 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

What Paul taught about the Holy Spirit

- Romans 8.

- 8:27 *The Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God.*

Every follower of Christ is indwelt by the Holy Spirit (if we do not have the Holy Spirit we do not belong to Christ).

The Spirit leads us, assuring us we are God's own children.

What Paul taught about the Holy Spirit

- Galatians 5.

- 5:16 *So I say, live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

- 5:18 *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*

- 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Because the Holy Spirit helps us understand spiritual truth and leads us, assuring us we are God's children ...

We understand our spiritual circumstances as God's heirs are always much better than they appear to our unaided eyes! The Spirit helps us understand and apply the gospel to our lives.



Joy!

The Holy Spirit and our joy

- He gives repentance/faith—our responsiveness to God.
 - *He will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.*
 - *... our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.*

The Holy Spirit and our joy

- He makes us new, complete people: in Christ.
 - Gal 4:6,7,28 *Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.... Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.*

The Holy Spirit and our joy

- He enlightens us to the truth of God's word:
 - Jn 16:13-14 *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.*
 - He exposes the truth about God, ourselves, and the uniqueness of Jesus and his work.

The Holy Spirit and our joy

- He directs and empowers our efforts:
 - Gal 5:22,23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.... Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*
 - All eight are action words! I act in view of my true, gospel circumstances.

The Holy Spirit and our joy

- He guarantees our future.
 - Gal 6:8 *The one who sows to please the Spirit, from, the Spirit will reap eternal life.*
 - 2 Co 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:14 God ... *set his seal of ownership upon us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*



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