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#### **SUNDAY Gathering Times**

Bible Class 09:30 AM Morning 10:30 AM

#### Leadership

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#### **Our Religious Conviction**

God chose to save the world by sending His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen and obey the Gospel message SHALL be saved (Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the church of the Bible, which His Son is coming for because it was purchased with His Blood (Ac 20:28; 2 The 1:7-10).

#### **HOW TO BE SAVED**

- 1. Hear (Jn 6:45; Rom 10:17)
- 2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
- 3. Repent (Lk 13:3, 5; Ac 2:38)
- 4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
- 5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)



#### Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to WORSHIP God according to His Will just as the Christians in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century (Ac 2:42).

Please ask us a question about the reason why we worship the way we do (1 Pet 3:15). Also, please take the time to fill out an attendance card today (in the holder facing you) and give it to one of our members acknowledging your presence with us.

# Prayer Request

We are here to Pray for you



#### **Continued Prayers**

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Ron Forge, Ann Busby, Joyce Fair, Curtis Ward, Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie

Joseph Tensley (Gospel Preacher [Teague, TX]

#### Grieving

FAMILY of Richmond Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)

#### General

Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)
Trinity White (Sis White's great granddaughter)
Mark Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)
Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)
Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law)

#### **Updates /Announcements**

- [1] Our PRAYERS should echo loud and clear on a daily basis for God's GRACE, MERCY and LOVE by taking nothing for granted continuing to live up to His Expectations and Commands through OBEDIENCE (Mt 7:21-23)
- [2] **BIBLE STUDY** (Sunday, 28 Nov 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians 5:1 21
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Saturday, 04 Dec 21 @ 1:00 PM): [Cedar Hill]
- [4] Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother) undergoing cancer treatment
- [4] Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law) experiencing upper respiratory complications
- [5] Sis Glaster's undergoing medical evaluations involving health concerns
- [6] Federal Holiday [Christmas Day (Saturday, 25 Dec 21)]
- [7] Federal Holiday [New Year's Day (Saturday, 01 Jan 22)]



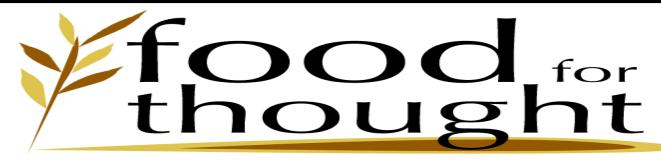


### December '21

- [15] David Ramsay
- [17] Jacqui Brager
- [22] Pat Skinner
- [25] Nicholas Lee
- [29] Lorena Hunter
- [31] Bebe Kay

[28] The Brager's Anniversary





#### FINDING JOY Psalms 94:17 - 19

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

- 1. The Psalmist quickly realizes without Jehovah's Help, one has **NO** cause for JOY [optimism].
- 2. Had God NOT Divinely aided, "Unless the Lord had been my help..." one would be dead (Psa 94:17a).
- A. Recognizing the necessity of God, "My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, hold me up" (Psa 94:18)

  3. In this world bent on the pursuit of pleasure rather than TRUTH, Christians must LEARN to distinguish
  - between legitimate pleasure and sinful indulgence. Moses knew the pleasure of sin only lasts for a season. A. We would **NOT** be tempted to sin if there were **NO** pleasure in it (Heb 11:25); coming as a high cost.
    - 1. The treasures and honors of Egypt looked like the greatest thing in the world, BUT temporary.
    - 2. By FAITH, Moses made his break with the world and was willing to suffer with God's People.
      - A. Realized sharing the ill treatment with Israel and being right with God was most important.
      - B. Knew of the Coming Messiah (Deu 18:15) and willing to bear the reproach on His Behalf.
- 4. "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength (Neh 8:10h). His JOY is our fortress (1 Jn 2:15-17).
  - A. Avoid making worldly pleasure our purpose in LIFE, we LEARN to find JOY serving the Lord.

#### **BODY:**

#### 1. WITHIN ME THY COMFORTS DELIGHT MY SOUL

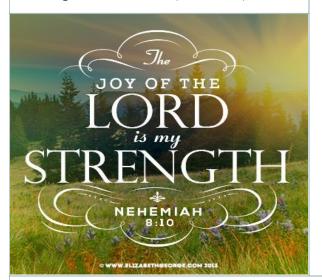
- A. Do our lives testify to the presence of JOY in Christian Service? The gospel is good news!
  - 1. If not, then, this might explain our ineffectiveness in reaching out to others.
    - A. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I will say rejoice!" (Php 4:4).
    - B. The fruit of the Spirit includes joy (Gal 5:22). JOY is the result of following God's Plan.
- B. Where do we find JOY? Without a doubt, JOY is a by-product of our relationship with Jesus.
  - 1. All Spiritual BLESSINGS are "in Christ" (Eph 1:3). Christian JOY is a Spiritual BLESSING.
  - 2. Therefore, one must be "in Christ" to experience true JOY.
    - A. As long as one is on the outside looking in, JOY will be an elusive dream.
- C. JOY is the characteristic of a life reaching out beyond our personal interests seeking the well-being of others (Php 2:3, 4). Jesus reminds us "...It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Ac 20:35).
- D. Joy is enhanced by the common love we have for one another in Christ.
  - 1. It is anchored in our hope of heaven a place of eternal JOY in the presence of God.
- E. At the end of his laborious struggle to find meaning in LIFE, Solomon came to understand the whole duty of man is to "...fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecc 12:13).
  - 1. This is the key to JOY: realizing our purpose in LIFE is to please our Maker (1 The 4:1).
- F. Seek God first. Learn to tell the difference between sinful and legitimate pleasure.
  - 1. Get busy serving God and following after His Commands.
    - A. These are the things making LIFE a JOY.

# WHEN ANXIETY WAS GREAT WITHIN ME, YOUR CONSOLATION BROUGHT JOY TO MY SOUL. PSALM 94:19

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"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Col 1:18).



## Weekly Bible Reading

November 28, 2021	2 Corinthians	01 - 07
November 29, 2021	2 Corinthians	08 - 13
November 30, 2021	Galatians	01 - 06
December 01, 2021	<b>E</b> phesians	01 - 06
December 02, 2021	Philippians	01 - 04
December 03, 2021	Colossians	01 - 04
December 04, 2021	1 & 2 Thessalor	nians
December 05, 2021	1 & 2 Timothy	

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15



# Sermon Notes...

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