

Tribe of Simeon

“Arise, Shine, Simeon — Come Forth As a Treasured Earthen Vessel, Ready to Do Battle For the Lord of Hosts!”



“The Fullness of Joy”

John 15:9-11

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Fullness of joy is found in the presence of the Lord. When we remain connected to him through prayer, worship, walking in obedience, reading the word and fellowshiping with other Christians, we can experience a level of joy that the world cannot give to us. Jesus refers to it as, **“My joy”** in our scripture. Therefore, it is a different kind than what the world offers.

Remaining in God seems to be the key to experiencing greater measures of his joy. Psalms 16:11 says: *“In your presence is fullness of joy; At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

Today, consider setting aside some additional time for the Lord and set the purpose in your heart to find a place within his presence where an abundance of joy may be found.



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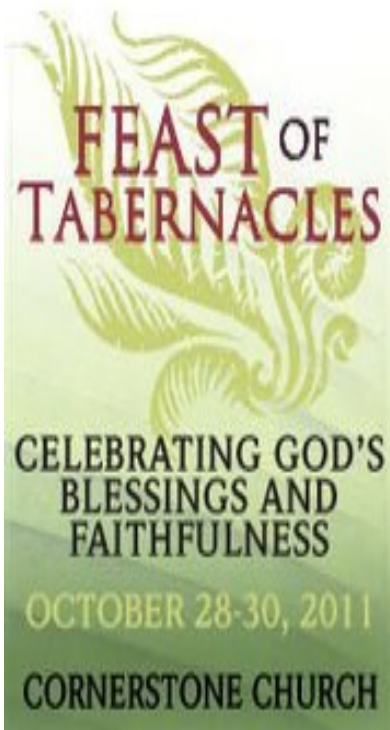
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Courage and Strength

If you want Joy in your Life, you have to learn how to forgive and forget. Joyce Meyer Ministries

The cooler weather has been a refreshing change. We pray that this fall as we stay in the word and fellowship together that our hearts and minds are renewed and refreshed everyday for The Lord’s compassions are new every morning. Lamentations 3:22-23. Be Blessed and May the Joy of the Lord be upon each and every person and family..... **Tom and Linda Lasater**



Feast of Tabernacles

Represents

this joyous, utopian time of peace and fulfillment that has always been the hope and focus of true Christians.

Where is the biblical command to keep the Feast of Tabernacles? *Leviticus 23:34-36.*

What is the overriding theme of the Feast of Tabernacles? *Leviticus 23:40 (last part);*

Deuteronomy 16:13-15.

***Comment:* This is the one Feast in particular in which God commands everyone to *rejoice!* This Feast looks forward in time to the most joyful occasion of all time.**

Is this Feast commanded to be observed forever?

Leviticus 23:41; Zechariah 14:16-19.

The account in Zechariah 14 emphasizes the fact that this Feast is a statute forever. All nations will observe this Feast in the millennium whether they prefer to do

so, or not

Prayer of Salvation

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank You Father for saving me in Jesus' name.

Amen

Do You Have a Personal Relationship with Jesus ?

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger.

John 6:35

Simeonites

We are wanting to share praise reports and testimonies in our newsletter, so that others can read and see how God is working in the lives of our fellow tribe members.

If you would like to share your story, let your cell leader know and they will forward your written story to Linda.

Looking for a Place of Service in the Church?

Call and ask about serving as an Usher during Church Services and Special Events

490-1600

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong.

It takes courage, faith and obedience in order to gain enough strength to forgive.

We all fall short and go thru a moment of weakness. But being able to draw strength from our only source (God) is how we walk in Victory !!

Next Month

Christian Courage and Strength

Simeon Men's Meeting

Monday Nights

7 pm –8 pm

at the Church

Fellowship & Bible Study

Call Tom Lasater

391-1762

Learn and Grow

Living in the Joy of the Lord

If you ask me, joy out-ranks despair any day! A smile is much better than a frown. Laughter is more desirable than a growl. A spiritual song in my heart is more pleasant than a grumble. A word of encouragement beats a critical word and a positive is more soothing than a negative.

Nehemiah 8:10

“Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

John 15:9-11

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

Experiencing the fullness of God’s joy requires spending time with him and trusting him with everything in our lives. By remaining in him and obeying his commands we will experience the fullness of his joy. Living a life dedicated to God is where true joy is found.

There is no better time than to **share YOUR JOY with others**. It’s your opportunity to encourage them and lift them. Do others see the Joy in You?? Joy is Gods way of winning friends and influencing others.

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Godly Joy

"I rejoice and share my joy with you all." (Philippians 2:17 NIV)

Philippians is often referred to as the epistle of joy, and rightly so because the believer's joy is its major theme. Paul loved the Philippian Christians, and they loved him. When they learned that he had been imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, they were deeply concerned.

Paul wrote to alleviate their fears and to encourage their joy. Of his own circumstances he said, "Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. And you too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me" (Philippians 2:17-18).

Often in the Old Testament an animal sacrifice was accompanied by a libation of drink offering (see, e.g., Numbers 15:1-10). The animal was the greater sacrifice, the libation the lesser. Drawing from that picture, Paul placed greater significance on the faith and spiritual well-being of his readers than on his own life. To suffer for Christ's sake brought him joy, and he wanted the Philippians to understand that perspective and to rejoice with him.

He also wanted them to understand that joy does not operate in a vacuum. It is directly related to godly living. Christ is its source, obedience its sustenance. We see this in David's cry of repentance: "Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12). Paul knew the joy of the Lord because he trusted Christ and obeyed His will.

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The scarcity of joy and godliness in the world today makes it imperative that Christians manifest those characteristics. As you do, others will see your good works and will glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

Consider various aspects of joy and godliness from Philippians 1:1-11 and Colossians 1:9-12. Be eager to learn from God's Word and willingly obey what you learn, for therein is "joy inexpressible and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

For October: Read Paul's letter (Paul's Joy Letter) in Phillipians where he described that there is Joy in Suffering, Joy in Serving, Joy in Believing, and Joy in Giving.

Happiness or Joy ? Which One Would You Choose?

The word happiness gives us visions of unwrapping gifts, strolling hand in hand, being surprised on your Birthday, responding with laughter to a comedian, or vacationing in an exotic locale. Everyone wants to be happy and we make chasing happiness one our missions in life. Happiness in this case depends on circumstances and what if we are unable to experiences circumstances that bring happiness into our lives? What if a loved one dies, a friendship fails, financial devastation hits you and your family, or your health deteriorates. Happiness can flee in an instant and despair sets in.

In contrast to our happiness sits joy. Joy is the quiet confident assurance of God's love and work in our lives-and that He will be there no matter what! Happiness depends on the happenings in our life and Joy depends on Jesus !!

Paul's letter was a personal expression of his love and affection for the Phillipians. The concept of rejoicing or joy appears 16 times in 4 chapters. Imagine the changes in your life if Joy showed up once every day. Paul wrote this letter from prison and he expressed in it his times of poverty, times of holding abundant wealth, and everything in between. Whatever his circumstances, he had learned to be content in where he was at, at the time.

How was Paul able to find so much joy when so much had gone wrong? He focused all his attention on knowing Christ and obeying him, as described in Chapter 3.

One begins to become just like the people we hang out with and begin to know. Knowing Christ and obeying him helps us to become like Him. To become like Christ (or "Christ like") enables us to experience love like never before, to forgive like we have never been able to forgive in the past, and experience the fullness of Joy that comes from having Him dwell within your Heart.

Spend some extra time with God this month and get to know Him better, like you would a good friend and see how that new relationship begins to impact your life in a positive way.

Stay in the Word and Give Him all Your Praise and Worship

Be Thankful For All He Has Done and Will Continue To Do In Your Life