

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

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John 15:9-17

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1. The Joy Of Jesus Is A Remaining Joy: Vs.9-11a
 - A. Christian's have a joy that causes "happiness".
 - B. We should be the kind of people who "feed" others by our words and our works (Prov.10:21).
 - C. Jesus built a "bridge" between God and mankind. The cross is our bridge to "fellowship" with God.
2. The Joy Of Jesus Is A Fulfilling Joy: V.11b
 - A. The level of our "pleasure" in life will be in direct ratio to our faith in His Word (Gene Williams).
 - B. Is our fulfilling joy based on "circumstances" or on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:8)?
3. The Joy Of Jesus Is A Beneficial Joy: Vs. 12-17
 - A. The love believer's have for each other is marked by a "selfless devotion" to meeting one another's needs (John MacArthur).
 - B. William Barclay writes concerning friends in V.15, "This phrase is lit up by a custom practiced at the courts both of the Roman emperors and of kings in the middle east. At these courts, there was a very select group called the "friends of the king or the friends of the emperor." At all times, they had access to the king; they even had the right to come to his bedchamber at the beginning of the day. He talked to them before he talked to his generals, his rulers and his statesman. The friends of the king were those who had the closest and the most intimate connection with him." William Barclay, The Gospel of John.
 - C. Do the people with whom you interact see "enough" joy in your life to want to join you on your journey? (Gene Williams)