

# Heavenly Joy!

Sunday Morning, August 16, 2015

Intro: Iron and Ironing Board need power to work.

We Need to Depend on the Power of God To Do His Work

## I. Ministry Does Not Always Bring Joy

(Luke 10: 8 – 16)

8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

9 And heal the sick there, & say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'

12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre & Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

Kingdom of God is Near You. The Messiah's Presence.

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## (Revelation 3:20)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

## Why more tolerable than Sodom?

- ✝ The very presence of Jesus, the Messiah, God was not present in Sodom, like it is here.
- ✝ If He had been there they would have repented (vs 13).
- ✝ More Tolerable - punishment less severe on earth (destroyed cities) and in Hell,
- ✝ Why Chorazin, etc, have more punishment? Because they rejected Christ directly!

So it is true also to reject the Holy Spirit's knock on the door of your heart!

Cities that reject Him will be brought down by Him!  
People and Cities (Las Vegas) focus on earthly joys, but they are temporal.

## Example:

Personal status

Profession

Possessions

Loved Ones

Pleasures

## Example:

Senior Adults at Convalescent Homes - once wore multiple hats that identified who they were. Better to be identified as a Christian.

2 (Turn Inside Out)



## II. A Proper Focus Brings Lasting Joy! (Luke 10: 17 – 20)

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

- ✝ The Disciples Came Back With Joy, but Joy in What?
- ✝ They had Prideful Joy in the Power God Had Given Them
- ✝ Jesus Reminds Them of Satan's Fate, Because of His Pride

Don't let earthly prideful joy in what God does through you rear its ugly head. Have heavenly joy in your name being written in Heaven.

## III. Now Let's Look at the Joy of Jesus (Luke 10: 21 – 24)

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight."

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22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see;

24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

Jesus was overcome by the Holy Spirit. He rejoices and praises the Father:

- ✝ That God shows His Power through uneducated and young "babes", the unlikely ones.
- ✝ That God the Father is glorified by His Power through babes.
- ✝ That God the Father and the Son reveal spiritual insight to whom they choose too.

### Conclusion:

Remember:

There are two kinds of joy --

Joy of the Earth

Joy of Heaven

Seek the Joy of Heaven!