

“Joy: Contentment and Hope in All Things”

Galatians 5:16-25

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Introduction

What is Joy?

- Fruit: Delight in God’s Work and God’s will
 - Joy is essential to being Christian
 - Election
 - Regeneration
 - Union with Christ
 - The resurrection
 - Joy overlaps and coexists with sorrow

- Weeds: Hopelessness, despair, and temporary pleasure
 - The opposite of joy: hopelessness and despair

- Counterfeit joy: temporary pleasure from...

- Circumstances

- Self-achievement

- Idols

- Fertilizer: God’s immutability and our assurance of salvation
 - Immutability: Scripture teaches that God is unchanging, in his nature, character, plans, and promises.

- Assurance of salvation: the engine for joy in the Christian life.

Conclusion