

Welcome Visitors,

First, THANK YOU! We are excited to know that you are interested in worshipping God. We want you to feel very welcomed here among our group. Our goal is doing God's will. You will find that our teaching and preaching are strictly from the Bible so we encourage you to open a Bible and follow along as the lessons are presented today.

God's word is the complete guide for our life of service and worship. The all-sufficient word of God—the Bible is what we need (John 8:31-32; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). We desire to help one another in doing God's will. If you are interested in learning more please ask one of our members today.

Main Street Church of Christ Newbern, Tennessee

Schedule Of Services:

Lord's Day:	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study (All ages)
	10:20 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Our Elders:

**Johnie Dodds
Harry Elliott
Austin Willis**

Our Deacons:

**Danny Carpenter
Wayne Hulme
Tommy Sawyers**

Our Preacher: **T. Sean Sullivan**

The Gospel Plan

HEAR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE Romans 10:11-16

BELIEVE IT !!! Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6

REPENT—CHANGE Luke 13:3; 2 Peter 3:9

**OPENLY CONFESS—JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD
Romans 10:8-10; Acts 8:37**

**BE BAPTIZED—FOR REMISSION OF YOUR SINS
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-39; 1 Peter 3:21**

LIVE ON FAITHFULLY Hebrews 10:35-39 I Peter 1:6-9

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Discover

Introduction:

What difference does joy make for the lucky; the select; the favored; the missed out on joy because I have not had there hope of knowing joy, even if it is only a front, put on for others to see.

All of the important points of the scriptures. The Bible is the most important you possess. Joy being important in the scriptures. Let's open the secret of joy.

Begin With You

We must refuse to have a pessimistic attitude toward joy and are content with what is important enough for, or deserving of joy. Perhaps some believe that it is their personal destiny to be joyful. Perhaps some believe that it is only a front, put on for others to see.

In order to discover joy we must know the true things about ourselves. You are worth such high worth on us that He

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our self-inflicted wound of sin (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). The value of your soul is the value of the Son of God dying (Hebrews 9:22-28; 1 Peter 1:18). You are worthy of joy. The angel told the shepherds that “joy” was given to man in the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:9-14). God has seen fit to offer the opportunity of joy to us (Romans 8:31-39). Who are we to deny God’s opinion?

We are not self-sufficient. Too often we try to do everything ourselves—discovering true joy cannot be done solo. We lack the capability of direction (Psalm 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23). Our wisdom alone is insufficient (1 Corinthians 1:20-25)—we need help.

Look to Jesus

There are many sources that claim to offer joy. Worldly pleasures entangle many souls both young and old (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21). The pursuit of riches has also consumed many (1 Timothy 6:9-10). The elevation of self takes away the hope of joy (Matthew 16:24). Higher knowledge of man is just not high enough; our philosophies will fail (Colossians 2:8). Our hope for true joy has one source: Jesus.

All that He accomplished, and continues to accomplish, for us is for our ultimate joy. His earthly life was purposed to bring joy (Luke 2:9-11). His sacrifice was to bring us into the joy of salvation (1 Peter 1:6-9). His word is given to bring joy (John 15:11). Knowing that Jesus is the source for joy is not enough. We also need to know what separates us from the joy He offers, what is between you and Jesus?

All that Separates You from Jesus

In the pursuit of “Jesus” man has dreamed up so many strange conclusions. Everything from ritual rites—to a scripted prayer; simply ask Him and He cannot refuse—to Jesus loves everybody no matter what. By asking men’s doctrines for answers we will never know the truth. We must not listen to men as our source of truth—even ones we know and

trust. Even the apostles encouraged teaching (Acts 17:11). Do not heed one else’s opinions—seek God’s.

We need the truth. The truth (John 2:15); it takes time (1 Timothy 4:13) (John 8:31-32). The truth must be heard and done (James 1:22). Those who have faith but refuse to obey the commandments (John 14:15) must obey Jesus, to have Jesus’ joy.

Conclusion:

Obedience is what separates us from the joy that He offers. Our key verse for this is where Jesus says, “*These things I have said to you, that you may not depart from My joy, for My joy may remain in you, and your joy may be full.*” (John 15:11). So what are “*these things*”? Look at John 14:15, “*My commandments, you will have kept My Father’s commandments.*”

Jesus reveals the secret of true joy, obscured by centuries of false doctrine and self-importance. True joy, to it is the joy of Jesus—through the obedience to His commandments. The only thing that separates you from the joy is your disobedience. To opportunity to obey is yours. ~tss
