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Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - Group Study

Lesson Series: Fruit of the Spirit

Lesson Series Text: *(Gal. 5:13-26)*

Lesson 3: Love Joy Peace Equals Fellowship

Lesson 3 Text: *(Isa. 55:6-13 NLT)*

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. Brief Review
- II. What is Joy and Peace?
 - A. Joy (śimhâ) – gladness, mirth, or rejoicing.
 - B. Peace (shālôm) – safety, health, prosperity, favor, welfare.
 - a. This Word means wholeness; full quality, containing all the elements, undivided.
- III. Thou shall love the Lord and thy neighbor. *(Mark 12:30-31)*
 - A. The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is governed by the two foundational laws of God, which caused the Father to create mankind.
 - a. First, God is love; therefore, every thought, decision, or action that emanates from Him, has as its source, love. *(1 John 4:8; 12)*
 - B. When Love's power is activated, it will not allow anything to steal its joy or peace; because it bears all things, endures all things, and continues in hope during all things. *(1 Cor. 13:7)*
 - C. When you see that you have violated love's standards, repent and forgive quickly. Otherwise, the opposite of joy; sadness, mourning, and depression will manifest. Or the opposite of peace; worry, anxiousness, or tension will manifest.
- IV. When situations arise that challenge our joy or peace, we must learn to yield to the Holy Spirit.
 - A. A good analogy is like a traffic yield sign; we yield the right of way.
 - B. First, we must evaluate our thoughts to make sure that they are in alignment with the Kingdom of God. *(Pro. 23:7; 2 Cor. 10:5 AMPC)*
 - a. If we are out of alignment, we need to repent and return unto the Lord and our joy and peace will return. *(Rom. 14:17)*
 - C. Then we must think God's thoughts and declare with our mouths what God's Word has said. *(Rom. 10:9-10; Mat. 4:4, 7, 10)*
 - D. We cannot do this without having living contact with the Lord, i.e. prayer, the word, and meditation. *(John 15:1-5)*
 - E. In other words, we must remain in His presence. In the presence of the Lord is fullness of Joy. *(Psa. 16:11 NLT)*

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- F. Draw from the well of salvation. (*Isa. 12:1-3*)
 - a. Salvation (*Yeshûâ*) something saved, deliverance, victory, prosperity, health, welfare.
- G. How do we remain in His presence? (*Pro. 4:20-23*)
- V. No man can take away the fruit of joy and the fruit of peace from you. (*John 14:27, 16:22-24*)
- VI. The Joy of the Lord is our strength. (*Neh. 8:10*)
- VII. God wants to give us perfect peace. (*Isa. 26:3*)
 - A. Our thoughts must be on peace. (*Phil 4:6-8*)
- VIII. He has given us a covenant of peace. (*Isa. 54:10*)
- IX. His thoughts of you are thoughts of peace. (*Jer. 29:11*)
- X. Let peace rule in your hearts. (*Col. 3:15*)
- XI. My prayer for you. (*Rom. 15:13*)

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