

Joy & Peace | Different, Pt. 2

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For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, *joy*, *peace*, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. [Galatians 5:13-25 \(NLT\)](#)

JOY: an inner posture formed by **and** **(not circumstances)**

PEACE: **and** **in all relationships (God, others, self, creation)**

• **People led by the Spirit are people of** **and** **.**

Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah." But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." [Mark 8:27-33 \(NLT\)](#)

1. True **is found in a persevering** **in God.**

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. [Mark 8:34-35 \(NLT\)](#)

2. True is experienced in sacrificial .

Talk It Over

1. [Hebrews 12:2](#) says: Jesus endured the cross "because of the joy awaiting him." How does keeping the end in view help us face challenges today?

2. What's one small, practical way you can bring joy or peace into your home, school, work, or relationships this week?

For your own notes:

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—[John 18:1-24](#)//Tuesday—[John 18:25-40](#)

Wednesday—[John 19:1-22](#)//Thursday—[John 19:23-42](#)

Friday—John 20//Saturday—John 21//Sunday—James 1

Join us online or in-person next weekend for:

DIFFERENT, Part 3

New Service Times:

Saturday @ 6:15pm

Sunday @ 10:00am + 11:45am + 1:30pm