

## THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH, Part 5 Joy

### INTRODUCTION

- To be a di\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is to follow in his footsteps, to follow His \_\_\_\_\_

### HUNGRY TO HEAR

- We need to treat God's Word as something that is sacred and brings us sal\_\_\_\_\_ and life.
- His word \_\_\_\_\_ us to live according to His will and to do His \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- What is the seed that Jesus speaks of in the parable? \_\_\_\_\_
- While f\_\_\_\_\_ comes by hearing, being a disciple is about holding fast to the W\_\_\_\_\_, having it having it t\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_ in your heart.

### EAGER TO UNDERSTAND

- While God's word and meaning don't change over time, man's cu\_\_\_\_\_ and lan\_\_\_\_\_ change over time.
- Ezra and others helped give s\_\_\_\_\_ to the people so that they would und\_\_\_\_\_
- God's word was never meant for just the priests, but it was for the p\_\_\_\_\_.
- When you start wi\_\_\_\_\_ God's word, you ultimately you withhold \_\_\_\_\_ and salvation.
- Why are dictators so afraid of people having a Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

### THE WORD AS LAW

- Why did the people weep when the Word was read? \_\_\_\_\_
- God's word is con\_\_\_\_\_. For through the law comes knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 3:20) And conviction of sin leads to repentance.
- The law breaks the hardness of your heart so that the \_\_\_\_\_ may be received and take root.
- about following God's word. It was based in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### THE WORD AS GOSPEL

- What they told the people (Neh 8:10-11) is but a reflection of the grac\_\_\_\_\_ of the banquet that God has laid out for us. Isaiah 55:1-3
- We can assuredly say, "The joy of \_\_\_\_\_ is my strength." John 15:10-11
- When Jesus declares for \_\_\_\_\_, we be \_\_\_\_\_ that we are forgiven because what He declares.

### HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

As disciples of Jesus

- Hungry and thirsty for His Word
- Eager to understand and live out His Word
- Let His Word as Law put to death your sin, and let His Word as Gospel bring you to ever greater life and joy in Christ Jesus.



## How to Prepare for The Lord's Supper

In order that you may receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner you should carefully consider what you must now believe and do.

From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; This is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins;" you should believe that Jesus Christ is present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins," you should also believe that Jesus gives to you His body and blood to strengthen your assurance that your sins are forgiven. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat; Drink of it, all of you; This do in remembrance of me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He has commanded, then you have properly examined yourselves and may eat Christ's body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father give you His

## Sermon Notes

Scripture Readings  
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Pew Bible page numbers

Nehemiah 8:1-12  
p. 474

Luke 8:4-15  
p. 1027

## The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance. We believe that the in Lord's Supper Christ Jesus is truly present in body and blood, given in bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We also believe it is a means by which we receive true forgiveness of sin.

The Lord's supper is for those who baptized and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Learn more on how to prepare for  
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