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The Joy of Abiding, Part 2 John 15:9-11

I. How Much Does the Father Love the Son? (v. 9a)

II. How Much Does the Son Love You? (v. 9b)

III. How Do You Abide in Christ's Love? (vv. 9c-10)

IV. How is Your Joy Made Full? (v. 11)

A. Jesus wants _____ in you

1. Jesus _____ that you would have joy
(Jn. 17:13)
2. Jesus shows us His own _____ in obedience
(Heb. 12:2)
3. Your joy is to be found in God's _____
(Psa. 16:11)

B. Jesus wants _____ in Him

1. Longing to be _____ in God is good (Prov. 15:13)
2. Seek your happiness in that which will truly _____
(Lk. 9:23-24; Matt. 13:44-46)
3. Your _____ happiness is found only in God
(Phil. 4:4; 1 Jn. 1:3-4)
4. Our happiness in God _____ as we share it
with others (Acts 16:25; Psa. 95:2; 100:2)
5. The pursuit of pleasure in God is _____ to
worship God (Psa. 37:4; Jms. 1:2-4; 1 Jn. 5:3; Psa. 1:2)

TAKE HOME

- How can you ***abide*** in Christ's love?
- Why has Jesus ***spoken*** these things to us?
- How is it that your joy can be made ***full*** on a daily basis?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read John 15:1-8. What lessons have we already learned by looking at this passage? Which one has impacted you the most?

2. Read John 15:9. How much does the Father love the Son? How can the Son love you in this same way?

3. Read John 15:10. What is the relationship between keeping Christ’s commandments and abiding in His love? How does this work? Who is our example?

4. Read John 15:11. What is Christ’s motive for telling us to keep His commandments? Is this a new concept for you? How can this change the goal in your obedience?

5. Read John 17:13; Heb. 12:2; and Psa. 16:11. How do these passages teach the same thing? Do you see how this concept is taught all through the Bible?

6. Do you believe that longing to be happy in God is a good thing? (Prov. 15:13) Should you seek your happiness in that which truly satisfies? (Lk. 9:23-24; Matt. 13:44-46)

7. How does your happiness grow? Do you believe that your pursuit of pleasure in God is necessary to worship Him? (Psa. 37:4; Jms. 1:2-4; 1 Jn. 5:3; Psa. 1:2)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned?

“If there lurks in the most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak.”

- C.S. Lewis