

Deacon's Moment

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“The Joy of the Lord”

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

***True joy comes from the Lord - He gives us joy from within and it will last even through our ups and downs. Joy is like a root that runs deep in you. You can grab a hold onto your joy when there is trouble and chaos all around. That is when the verse “The joy of the Lord is your strength” shows its real meaning to you.**

***The difference between happiness and joy – Happiness is good but it is usually prompted by something outward. Happiness tends to happen when the pleasant things or occasions in life occur. Joy runs deep. It rises above life's events. God is the giver of real joy. It is a joy just to know that although life has its twists and turns, there is one who knows all about it, cares about it and controls all of it.**

***Joy through God's Word – We can find joy in God's word and through His Holy Spirit. His word tells us that He will never leave us nor forsake us. That alone gives and promotes joy.**

***Strength, hope and peace – The joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10d). We need strength to make it. We encounter situations everyday where we must draw from the strength given to us by the Lord. God’s joy gives us hope. Hope gives our life meaning. What is hope? Our hope is eternal life with Christ.**

In closing, let us encourage one another to hold fast to the joy of the Lord. It will give us strength, hope and peace on life’s journey.