

## **Pursuing Fullness of Joy!**

**John 15:6-11**

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What will give us fullness of joy?

In what wrong ways have you answered that question?

Joy is not a selfish pursuit. It is the pursuit of God!

### **Choosing the Wrong Path to Joy v. 6**

A fruitless life

### **Choosing the Right Path to Joy v. 7-11**

Abiding in Christ

Abiding in His Word

Abiding in prayer

The blank check of prayer. Why do the checks sometimes bounce?

Aim to glorify the Father

Abide in the love of God

Keep God's Commandments

To keep the Commandments is to abide in His love.

How do diagnose spiritual insanity.

To pursue the joy of Jesus, is to know fullness of joy.

## **Meditation**

### **Does Happiness Exist?**

In response to the question of whether happiness exists, Christian theology confesses that happiness exists, first, in “the happy God” (1 Timothy 1:11) and second, in creatures designed and destined for happiness in communion with the happy God (Psalm 144:15). In response to the question regarding what happiness is, Christian theology confesses that happiness consists in possessing, knowing, and enjoying the supreme and unsurpassable good God Himself, the blessed Trinity. “I have no good apart from You,” the psalmist declares (Psalm 16:2). “In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11). And in response to the question of how happiness may be achieved, Christian theology confesses that divine happiness communicates itself to us, freely and abundantly, through the Mediator of happiness, Jesus Christ our Lord. “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11; 17:13, 24–26).

In Jesus Christ, eternal, unchanging, and unsurpassable beatitude shines upon us and welcomes us into its all-satisfying presence. For now we enjoy a taste of this happiness on the pilgrim path of faith and repentance. One day we will drink fully and deeply from the infinite ocean of beatitude when we behold the triune God in the unmediated splendor of His personal presence, “face to face” (1 Corinthians 13:12; Revelation 22:1–5). This is our “happy hope” (Titus 2:13): that the God Who dwells in unapproachable light and unlimited delight will also dwell with us (Isaiah 57:15–19; 1 Timothy 6:16), that God will be our happy inheritance, our happy habitation (Psalm 16:5–6), and that we will flourish in His presence to His eternal glory (Psalm 1:3; Isaiah 33:24; 61:3).

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