

# Joy Abiding In Him

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Female: And now for 7813, Joy Abiding In Him, Part 4.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining brothers of the word because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us via television and those of you joining us online in Brothersoftheword.com or Facebook live. Welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to join us.

Well, we'd like to share just a little humor. There was an elderly couple and in their old age, they noticed that they were becoming a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor, and the doctor told them that they should start writing things down so that they don't forget. So, when they went home, the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. And she said, "You might want to write that down." The husband said, "No, I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband that she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whip cream. And she said, "Write that down." And he said, "No, no, I can remember, you want a bowl of ice cream with whip cream." Then, the old lady said she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whip cream and a cherry on top. And she said, "You definitely better write that down." And he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whip cream and a cherry on top."

So, he goes to get the ice cream and he spins an unusually long time in the kitchen over 30 minutes. He finally comes out to his wife and he hands her a plate of bacon and eggs, and the old woman, the wife, she looks and stares at the plate for a moment then she looks at her husband. She said, "I told you to write it down. You forgot the toast."

Where we are sharing a scripture over in the Book of John, the Gospel of John Chapter 15, the Gospel of John Chapter 15:7 through 11, John's Gospel Chapter 15:7 through 11. When you get there, say, Amen. We can read together in unison beginning

at Verse 7 that says, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

And we are talking still from the subject, “Joy Abiding In Him, Joy Abiding in Him.” This is Part 4, Joy Abiding In Him, John 15:11 and it amplify says, “I have told you these things, that my joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be full and complete and overflowing.”

So, God wants us happy. He wants us full of joy and he wants us happy. Jesus is happy because of his joy that he wanted to live in us and he wanted our joy to be full and overflowing. So, Jesus is happy. The Father is happy. Heaven is full of joy. Heaven is full of song. In fact, there is some creation scientist that say that even when God first created the earth that there was music that played in the atmosphere.

So, if you just walked out doors and this is, before the world was destroyed by water and the flood, if you just walk out doors, there would be music just playing in the atmosphere.

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I believe that because heaven is full of song. Heaven is full of music. Heaven is full of joy. And so, God is happy, Jesus is happy and he want that joy to remain in us. Life is no fun, man. When you all burdened down and you worried and stressed out and there's no joy left, life is hard to live like that, man. You get sick and you get broken down. You have nervous breaks and you're stressed out. That's not way to live and God knows that's no way to live. He never intended for his children to live that way. He wants us full of joy, full of joy, full of his joy. He wants that joy to be complete, full and overflowing. Praise God. His joy.

So, say it with me, “I have Jesus' joy and my joy is full and overflowing.” Praise God. Now even if you don't feel that way, even if it doesn't appear to be that way, you're saying that by faith, “I have this joy and is full and is overflowing.” And you

start working your way into the joy of the Lord. You're working way. And I came home the other and something just hit me and I told my daughter, I said, "I just want to dance right now and I can't hold it back any longer."

And I put my coat down and I just went to dancing. And she laughed and she just laughed and she laughed and she laughed. So I finally said, "What are you laughing at?" I said, "Are you laughing at the way I'm moving my arms?" And she said, "No, I'm laughing that something happened at school." So, I was happy that I was able to stimulate her joy. Even though it didn't concern me. I thought she was laughing at me but she was laughing that something that happened at school. Bu I was to stimulate her because she saw me stimulate that something in her. Joy is contagious. Joy is contagious.

Avy, I don't know if you have the first video that I sent you if you can play that one, something that shows how joy is contagious. Joy is contagious.

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All right. Joy is contagious. Joy is contagious. So, that's why God wants us full of joy. He wants us so that he can spill over onto others. We live in a very sad and depressed world and people are so burdened down and they need to see the joy of the Lord. They need to see people that are happy, serving God so that, that joy will spill over on them. So that's why he wants us overflowing with joy so it's enough for us and for others. He wants us overflowing with joy so that it's enough for us and others.

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Now joy is so powerful because God's joy outweighs all the causes of sorrow and pain in the world. God's joy is more powerful than all the sorrow and causes of pain in the world. And that's why he wants us full of joy and overflowing so that we can overcome all the pain and all the suffering and all the causes of sorrow in the world. His joy in you is greater than the sorrow that is in the world. And that's why he wants us full of joy and overflowing and full so that we can be overcomers and so that it can spill over and be a blessing to others.

We're going to be filled with his true joy. We bring honor to God when we live a joy-filled life. It honors God. It honors who he is and it honors the fact that we trust him. It honors the fact that He's good to us. It honors him when we live full of joy, trusting in him, knowing that your sins have been forgiven, knowing that you're a citizen of heaven, and the Holy Spirit is residing on the inside of you, and he is full of joy.

Remember we talked about that the Holy Spirit inspires our joy. He inspires our joy. And so our joy is produced from our union with him. Out of our union with God, joy flows into our hearts. Joy flows into our being out of our union with him. He fills us with joy. 1 John 1:4 talks about how we are filled with joy from our connection with him. Praise God.

So He fills us with joy. He fills us with laughter and it causes us to be overcomers. It causes us to be overcomers and it causes us to be a good witness in the earth, and a good representative in the earth of God's joy. And when you're full of joy, life is just so much better. You sleep better, you love better, you give better, everything is better when you're full of joy. Everything is better when you're full of joy.

Someone stopped me on the way to church tonight, and they needed help. And normally I would give a couple of dollars, but I was so full of joy I gave him a 20 today. See, when you're happy, you give. You're more generous when you're happy. I didn't even know I was giving that much myself. But I was just so happy, I was so happy I couldn't contain it. I said, "Here, just take this" I started to take my whole wallet. I was just generous. Joy makes you generous. You're happy, you're not depressed, and you're happy, you're loving life, you're enjoying life. And that's God's will for his children. He wants us to be enjoying life and enjoying one another, and enjoying serving him.

You know the Bible says, "Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing." Serve him with gladness. So God loves joy. He loves joy in his presence. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and praise his name."

So joy is a part of God's kingdom. We said joy is one-third of God's kingdom. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Remember I taught you all about the power of three? Everybody say, "The power of three." This didn't hit me until I was teaching last week. I saw the connection in the power of three. I had not studied it. It actually hit me while I was teaching that God teaches in series of three. For some reason he likes to teach in groups of three. I guess it's easier to retain, or you know, that makes the message have more clarity and easier to understand when it's grouped in three. And so I sat down and just jotted down some of the groups of three that I could think of in the Bible.

In 2 John, we talked about the instruction is given in a group of three. He says, "Walk in love, walk in the word and walk in joy. Be full of joy." Walk in love, everybody say, "Walk in love, walk in the word, and be full of joy." Notice that he gave those three things.

Well here's some other threes I came across in scripture. In Timothy, Paul told Timothy, he said, "God hasn't given us a spirit of fear, but power, love and a sound mind." Here it is again. You'll find this in the Old Testament. The Bible says in the Old Testament, "God only requires three things from man. That you love mercy, do justly and walk humbly with thy God." That's it.

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God requires three things, that you love mercy, that you're kind, you do what's right, and you walk humbly with thy God. Three things that He gave, and this is all God required.

So, I just sat down and I began just going through the Bible thinking of all the threes. We just said the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. 1 Thessalonians says, "Be joyful, be prayerful, be thankful." There it is, three again. Ephesians 5 says, "We are to be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves with psalms, hymns, spiritual songs." There's three again. The new covenant is based on three things. The Father teaches this in the Book of Hebrews, he says, "The difference between the old covenant and the new covenant is three things." It's three things. Number one, you will know me in the new covenant. Number two, my word will be in your heart in the new covenant. And number three, I will remember your sins no more in the new covenant.

Oh man, those are the three things that the whole new covenant hinges on! That we would know him. His word will be in our heart, and he will remember our sins no more! No more he will remember our sins. Man, you all got to know when to shout! That's sound news! He will remember our sins no more! He said "I'll be merciful to your unrighteousness, and your sins I will remember no more!" That's the mark of the new covenant. That's the mark of the new covenant. Sin was a problem under the old covenant, but under the new covenant, we would know him. His word would be in our heart, he will remember our sins no more. Those are the three marks of the new covenant.

Here's something else we said. 1 Corinthians 13 said, "Now abide these three, faith, hope and love. These three, the greatest of these is love." Then we know the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Another group of three. I found this one, over in Colossians. It says, "Be loving, be peaceful and be thankful." Another three. I found this over in 1 John, it says, "There are three that testify. The Father Son and the Holy Spirit testify in heaven, but on earth the spirit, blood and water testify." Three things. Then I found Jesus had three men he always took with him wherever he went: Peter, James and John. Another set of three.

I thought about God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Three. For some reason God deals with three. I thought about here at the arc. You have Pastor Nathaniel, Pastor James and C. Elijah. He deals with three! God always deals with three. He always deals with three. There's something powerful in three.

Well, that revelation hit me while I was actually teaching last week. I had never thought of it, never seen it, never heard anybody talk about it. There is something powerful that God does in a series of three. Everybody say three. Three.

And 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 17 and 18 says, "Rejoice ever more. Rejoice ever more, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks." There's the three. He always gives us instructions in a series of three. Rejoice ever more, pray without ceasing, in everything, give thanks.

So, he gives it to us in threes, that makes it easy to remember. It's a short list. God always gives us a short list that's easy to

remember. Short list easy to remember. Turn it into a him and say, "Even you can remember that." Praise God.

So, 1 Thessalonians, I like this, and that little command, he says, rejoice ever more, rejoice ever more. Here's some different translations of that. One translation says, "Be glad-hearted continually." Another translation says, "Be happy in the Lord always." Another translation says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, gladden yourselves in Him." So, it's letting you know where our true joy comes from, it comes from him. It comes from his presence. In his joy, in his presence is fullness of joy. And so, he's letting us know that our true joy comes from our connection with God. That's where our true joy comes from. And so, if you are ever running low on joy, you have to do what this verse says. You have to do what Philippians says. The command is simply to rejoice.

Now look at that word "rejoice". What it's saying is, re joy. When your joy runs low, re joy. Everybody say re joy. In other words, He's saying there are times when you have to fill up again. I carried you to a scripture last week that shows you that the disciples were continually filled with the Holy Spirit and joy.

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It was a constant feeling. They were constantly being filled with the Holy Spirit and joy. Man, will you get up and go to work and you have to deal with all those folks on the job, and you got to deal with problems, and you got to deal with issues, and you got to deal with your spouse and children, and you got to deal with bills, and you got to deal with traffic, and you got to deal with in-laws and out-laws, and you got to deal with relatives. How many of you know you need to re-joy after dealing with all of that?

You got to re-joy! You got the re-joy! You got to re-joy. You got to re-joy after that. You have to re-joy. And so you pulled in to the filling station. You pulled in to the filling station and you connect with God and he refills the joy. Rejoice! Rejoice! That's what the bible says, rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! You rejoice yourself all over again. Everybody say, rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Praise God! Praise God!

Let me share this with you. I have another video I want to show you. Joy is so powerful. Man, I got so many scripts to see, I don't

know which way to go. Man! I feel like going in like three different directions at the same time. Praise God! I start to say this group, you all go to John 17. This group go to Isaiah 12 and I start to say this group goes to Proverbs. I got three different place I'm trying to go at the same time.

But listen, let me just hit this really quick. Here's a verse that you are all familiar with. It says that, "A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, "A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing. A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing." But a broken spirit dries up the bones. That's why we have so many bone and joint ailments maybe because people's joy has been sucked out and is drying up the bones and that's why arthritis and osteoporosis and all of this joint and ligaments, stiffness – maybe the problem is we aren't laughing on them. Maybe the problem is there is not enough joy because when there's not enough joy it dries up the bone.

Avy, if you can roll the second video. I want you to see something very powerful that they're even using in hospitals.

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Praise God. Ain't that powerful? A horse. A horse had the spirit of God on him. Now, don't think this is crazy because there's a donkey in the Bible had a spirit of God on it. Now horse had the spirit of God on him, going in, bringing joy to people and it was bringing healing and health to patients.

So, even the medical science now know that when you're joyful and when you're happy it helps healing, it helps the body, helps health. And this horse, I love it. They said that the horse is not told where to go. The horse went into rooms on his own as it was led and it went into rooms with the intuition knowing who was really sick, who really needed to laugh, who really needed some joy and he brought healing and holiness. Man, that's the spirit of God. That's a spirit of God.

So, God illustrated that joy brings health. Joy brings holiness and soundness to the body. Praise God. Praise God. Joy is the powerful force, is a powerful force in the spirit of God. Whoever would have thought the spirit of God would be on a horse? Praise God. Not miss the air but just on --. Praise God. Joy is powerful.

Joy is a receiver. Joy is a receiver. The Bible says, “With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.” Joy is received. And I’m out of time, I’m going to just have to force myself to stop. I’ll have to share this next time, but I had a happiness list I wanted to share but I’m out of time. Turn to your neighbor and say, “He’s out of time.” Oh, I’ll share it next time, I’ll share it next time.

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