

CLOSER LOOK: 06.05.2022

JOY

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Message Notes:

You can have joy because...

- 1. Your sins are forgiven. (Matthew 9:2, Luke 10:20)
- 2. Because you are never alone. (Matthew 14:24-27, Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 28, 2 Chronicles 15:1-2)
- 3. Because you are an overcomer. (John 16:33)Within God's Sovereignty there is the free will of man

Prayer:

In a world where joy is dictated by experience, help me to remember that as a Christian, I find pure joy in my salvation and in your presence. Help me to be a carrier of that joy and help be a light in this dark world that brings joy wherever I go. AMEN

Questions:

- 1. What are some ways you have tried and failed to manufacture joy for yourself?
- 2. Have you ever felt guilty for being joyful? How can you keep that joy while not minimizing what the world is going through?
- 3. Ps. Joe taught us that joy isn't something we make, it's something we receive, and that if we don't have joy it's because we have not been in His presence. On a scale of 1-10, where is your joy tank today? Why is it there and not higher? Why is it there and not lower?
- 4. Have you had any Marah (bitter) spots in your life recently? What has been your response? What does your response reveal about where your faith is?
- 5. Ps. Joe taught that Satan works in the mind. What are ways for you to guard your mind in Christ Jesus? What practical step can you implement??

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What's Coming Up: https://rock.celebration.church/events

- JUNE 21-23: Celebration KiDS Camp
- JUNE 26: Baptisms
- JULY 16: ARC Serve Saturday
- JULY 20: WAVE Student Conference