

Oxford Baptist Church – Pastor Robin W. Pifer

December 13, 2015 - First Family Christmas.

Message: Joy: Jesus Over Yesterday

Are you ready for Christmas? Are you going to experience the joy of Jesus this Christmas? Or are you going to let “Christmas Chaos” take away your Joy?

We come to our holy holidays but do we expect holy things to happen?

Joy is experienced daily through salvation in Jesus Christ.

“Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation”. Kay Warren

- ***Jesus Brings Joy to your life. Luke 2:10-11***
- ***Jesus brings joy even in the trials of life. James 1:2-4; 1Peter 1:7-9***

JOY – JESUS OVER YESTERDAY

- ***Experience the joy of Jesus as you walk in the truth.***
 - ***Know the truth John 8:31-32***
 - ***Practice the truth 2John 1:4; 3John 1:3-4***
- ***Experience the Joy of Jesus in your service.***

Romans 12:9-16; Luke 10:21

 - ***Christ-centered.***
- ***Experience the joy of Jesus again to renew your life.***

Psalm 51:12; Psalm 126:3-6; John 16:17-24; Acts 13:52

- ***The Benediction of Joy.***

Romans 14:17; Jude 1:24-25

Life Group Questions

1. What is the difference between happiness and joy?
2. Word descriptions are important when we define joy. Share some synonyms in your group that help you define joy?
3. Review and discuss Kay Warren’s definition of joy.
4. How does “Jesus Over Yesterday” help us in our understanding of joy?
5. How does Jesus bring joy to our life?
6. What is one thing that takes away joy from your life?
7. Read again James 1:2 and 1Peter 1:7-9. How is suffering connected to the joy we receive from Jesus Christ?
8. What was said in the teaching time this week that impacted your view of joy?
9. How does a person grow in the joy of Christ in your life?
10. Does Joy need to be renewed in your life? What needs to change or in what ways does your spiritual life need to be refreshed again to experience once the joy of your salvation in Jesus Christ?
11. What is one take away or choice you are going to make this week or over the Christmas season so you can live in the joy of Jesus Christ?