EXPERIENCING THE FULNESS OF JOY

<u>1 John 1:4</u> And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE A FULL JOY?

I. BE <u>CONSIDERATE</u> OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

<u>Ephesians 4:30</u> And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

II. BE <u>CONTENT</u> WITH YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM CHRIST

<u>Philippians 4:11</u> Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

III. BE <u>CONTROLLED</u> IN YOUR CONDUCT BEFORE CHRIST

<u>Hebrews 12:1</u> Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

IV. BE CONFIDENT IN YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST

<u>Isaiah 26:3</u> Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

V. BE <u>CAREFUL</u> TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON CHRIST

<u>Hebrews 12:2</u> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

VI. BE <u>COMPASSIONATE</u> TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

<u>1 Thes. 2:19-20</u> For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? <u>20</u> For ye are our glory and joy.

VII. BE <u>CONTAGIOUS</u> IN YOUR ENTHUSIASM FOR CHRIST

<u>Psalm 37:4</u> Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

<u>Psalm 100:2</u> Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.