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2022 THEME

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Our theme for 2022 is...

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As we encounter challenging times, we can find encouragement in knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ loves us unconditionally, producing joy unto our souls. Let's begin realizing that the Lord's love for us mimics the love that the heavenly Father has for His Son.

I. JESUS' MIMIC, 15:9

Jn. 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, **so have I loved you**: continue ye in my love.

A. The Preface of Joy – “As the Father hath loved me, **so have I loved you...**”

- ❖ Jesus makes a profound statement regarding the parallel magnitude of His loving relationship with His Father being the standard by which He loves us!
- ❖ A saved sinner possesses God's love as evidenced by His relationship with Christ.

Jn. 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and **that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: **that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

B. The Perfection of Joy – “...continue ye in my love.”

❖ A saved sinner possesses God’s love as evidenced by continuing in His love.

- ❖ We continue in His love by loving how He loves:
 - He loves by honoring His Father;
 - He loves by following His commandments = OBEDIENCE.
 - He loves by loving the world enough to sacrifice Himself for it.
 - He loves by prioritizing His work.
- ❖ A saved sinner possesses God's love as evidenced by obedience to His leadership.
- ❖ A saved sinner has perfection of love that includes the development of joy.

1 Jn. 2:5 But **whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.

1 Jn. 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and **his love is perfected in us**. ...

17 **Herein is our love made perfect**, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is, so are we in this world**.

18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 **We love him**, because he first loved us.

II. JESUS' METHOD, 15:10

Jn. 15:10 **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.

A. The Conditional Action – “**If** ye keep my commandments, **ye shall abide in my love...**”

Original Word: εἰ

Part of Speech: Conditional Particle Or Conjunction

Transliteration: ean

Definition: if; **Usage:** if.

eán – *if*, referring to a *condition* extending to its "spin-off" *possibilities* – i.e. that happen *if* the condition is actualized or is *valid*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1437.htm>

❖ A believer can abide (be at home) in His love in proportion to keeping His commandments → obedience.

Original Word: τηρέω

Transliteration: téreó

Definition: to watch over, to guard; **Usage:** I keep, guard, observe, watch over.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5083.htm>

B. The Convincing Application – “...even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.”

❖ The example for believers to follow is established by the life of Christ – He kept His Father’s commandments and consequently, abode in His love.

❖ What an example of LOVE SO AMAZING, to know that a believer can have the same love-relationship that exists between the Father and the Son of God!

Jn. 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

III. JESUS' MOTIVE, 15:11

Jn. 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that **my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.**

A. The Connection with the Savior – “...that **my joy** might remain in you...”

- ❖ Even during troublesome times, believers should possess a sense of joy and peace that the world cannot know, that the Lord gives of His joy.

Jn. 14:27 Peace I leave with you, **my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth**, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- ❖ Believers are to possess His love, joy, and peace.

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

Gal. 5:22 “But **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...**”

B. The Concern for Satisfaction – “and *that* your joy might be full.”

Original Word: πληρόω

Transliteration: pléroó

Definition: to make full, to complete; **Usage:** I fill, fulfill, complete.

plēróō – properly, *fill to individual capacity*, i.e. to the extent it is "meet" (appropriate).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4137.htm>

- ❖ The Lord Jesus wants His children to have joy!
- ❖ The Scriptures give several ways to have joy:

Jer. 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Hab. 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Luke 1:44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Jn. 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

2 Cor. 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are **helpers of your joy**: for by faith ye stand.

Phil. 1:25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all **for your furtherance and joy of faith**;

Phil. 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, **my joy and crown**, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

1 Thess. 2:19 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?

20 For **ye are our glory and joy**.

1 Pet. 1:8 Whom having not seen, **ye love**; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, **ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

1 Jn. 1:4 And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full.**

3 Jn. 1:4 **I have no greater joy** than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and **to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,**

Jn. 13:17 **If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.**

Conclusion

1 Jn. 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for **love is of God**; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 **He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**

9 In **this was manifested the love of God toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us**, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

17 **Herein is our love made perfect**, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: **because as he is, so are we in this world.**