



MESSAGE NOTES

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Isaiah 55:1-2, John 15:11

Joy In Who God Is

God is all seeing, all knowing, all powerful. He's majestic, holy, righteous and perfectly just. He exists outside of time and space and He created everything that we see and know as well as infinite beings and things which our minds could never grasp or fathom.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

When you study these attributes of God in light of the gospel it becomes a never-ending source of joy for the believer because we have entered into a loving relationship with Him. The almighty God, the creator of the entire universe, this God loves us more than we could ever think or imagine. In all His perfect holiness, righteousness and purity He loves us with a perfect, righteous and holy love that never falters or fails and that nothing could ever separate us from.

Joy In What He's Done For Us

Ephesians 1:4-5 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ.

The fact that you are a Christian or even have an interest in Christianity is not by chance. God chose you from before the creation of the world. He chose you to enter into a relationship with you and to display the fullness of His love to you. He wanted this for you so much that He sacrificed His only Son, Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full.

Joy In What He Has Planned For Us

What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived—the things God has prepared for those who love him— 1 Corinthians 2:9.

We're looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth. There are wonderful things in store for us! Including the perfect, uncorrupted fullness of all creation for us to enjoy for all eternity as we share in the inheritance of God's Son Jesus Christ.