

JOY AND HAPPINESS
(Sermon in Song)
Philippians 4:4-7

INTRODUCTION

- A. We go to a great deal of trouble to try to find joy, happiness and contentment.
 - 1. *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*
Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776
 - 2. It is what most wars are fought over, domestic or abroad.
- B. Yet we neglect the Bible teaching on the subject.

I. JOY IN TIMES OF ADVERSITY.

- A. Paul was in prison, yet was joyful.
 - 1. Paul and Silas, Acts 16:25.
 - 2. Writing while in prison, Philippians 4:4.
- B. We are to rejoice in trials.
 - 1. James 1:2-3
 - 2. Participating in sufferings of Christ, 1 Peter 4:13.
 - 3. Bring Christ Your Broken Life. #911

II. HAPPINESS COMES FROM WITHIN.

- A. Philippians 4:6-7
 - 1. Psalm 28:7
 - 2. Psalm 33:21
 - 3. Psalm 35:9
- B. There is Sunshine in My Soul Today. #549

III. REASONS FOR JOY.

- A. Jesus' love for us.
 - 1. Ephesians 5:1-2
 - 2. Romans 5:6-8
 - 3. Why Did My Savior, #382
 - a. *(Alternate: Sweeter as the Years Go By. #565).*
- B. Jesus is with us all the way.
 - 1. Psalm 89:15-16
 - 2. Matthew 28:19-20
 - 3. Walking in Sunlight. #611
- C. Sins taken away.
 - 1. Romans 6:16-18
 - 2. To God Be the Glory. #4 – 1, 2 (3)
 - 3. Takes place in baptism.
 - a. Romans 6:3-7
 - b. O Happy Day. #494