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**THE POWER OF ONE –** *A study of John 17*

***The Joy of ONE – John 17:6-13***



The joy of ONE changes how we live our life.

Joy – the steadfast assurance that God is in control.

Jesus speaks joy into the world.

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

John 17:13

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:11

Not just the words spoken by Jesus during his earthly ministry, but the very Word of God has spoken words of His apostles, prophets, and by His Spirit.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-26048a)] from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Hebrews 1:2

Therefore, also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’

Luke 11:49

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

Ephesians 2:20

that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

2: Peter 3:2

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

1 Thessalonians 1:6

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

1 Peter 1:8

Jesus experienced sorrow and grief.

He was despised and rejectedby men,  
    a man of sorrows[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+53%3B3&version=ESV#fen-ESV-18715c)] and acquainted with grief

Isaiah 53:3

**The Joy of Jesus**

Jesus rejoiced over creation.

then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=proverbs+8%3A30-31&version=ESV#fen-ESV-16633a)] delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Proverbs 8:30-31

Jesus rejoiced in whose He was.

Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Luke 10:20

Jesus rejoiced over the lost becoming found.

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? **5**And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:4-5

And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’

Luke 15:9

Jesus rejoiced in obedience.

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

In the agonies of betrayal by a friend, denial by a disciple, trial by corrupt rulers, mocking and scourging by godless soldiers, and a public crucifixion…. the cross - greatest suffering in human history, not merely physical and emotional, but the wrath of God poured out on him

Jesus rejoiced in the ultimate reward.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:12

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

Luke 6:23

Beware of joy stealers!

Complaining

Procrastination

Gossip

Approval Seeking  
Not keeping your word

Negative Self Talk

Attachment to circumstance

Living in the past

Prayerlessness

Practice joy to grow your joy capacity.

Trust

Thankfulness

Commitment to the renewal of our minds

Focus on Jesus

The joy of one, magnified by our Oneness, changes the world.

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