

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"The Joy of Following Jesus"



Luke 10:17-24 (NKJV); **The Seventy Return with Joy**

¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit

²¹ In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

²² All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

²³ Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; ²⁴ for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

The Joy of Following Jesus:

1. Those who follow Jesus experience great _____ in serving Him _____ (v. 17-20).

- We experience great excitement when we have victory over the darkness around us (v. 17).
- We experience great excitement knowing that Satan is a defeated foe (v. 18).

Isaiah 14:12-17; ¹² "How you are fallen from heaven,

O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground,

You who weakened the nations!

¹³ For you have said in your heart:

'I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.'

¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,

To the lowest depths of the Pit.

¹⁶ "Those who see you will gaze at you,

And consider you, saying:

'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,

Who shook kingdoms,

¹⁷ Who made the world as a wilderness

And destroyed its cities,

Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

- We experience great excitement living in godly authority over the power of darkness (v. 19).

Ezekiel 2:6 (NIV): And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people.

Scripture Insight: [10:18](#) This verse provides a commentary on what the disciples' healing ministry meant. The reversal of the effects of sin and death, which **Satan** introduced through his deception in [Gen. 3](#), are portrayed graphically as Satan

falling from heaven. Jesus' ministry and what grows out of it represents the defeat of Satan, sin, and death.¹

- We experience even **greater** excitement and **joy** knowing that we are heirs of heaven (v. 20).

Scripture Insight: [10:20](#) One's salvation is more important than power to overcome the evil one or escape his harm. *your names are written*. Salvation is recorded in heaven (see [Ps 69:28](#) and note; [Da 12:1](#)).²

Challenge: Invite someone to our Wednesday night Thanksgiving 60th Celebration and invite someone to come to church with you next Sunday. [Let's break 200 next Sunday.](#)

2. Those who follow Jesus experience great joy in knowing Him

_____ (v. 21-22).

- Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. We see all three members of the Trinity in this verse.
- We know Jesus personally not because we are smarter than others (v. 21).
- We know Jesus personally all because Jesus revealed the Father to us (v. 22).

John 15:16 (NIV): You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

3. Those who follow Jesus experience great joy in experiencing Him

_____ (v. 23-24).

- We experience Jesus practically when we know Him personally through divine revelation.
- We experience Jesus practically when we see things that others don't see (v. 23-24).

Galatians 4:6-And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

- We experience Jesus practically when we hear things that others don't hear (v. 24).

¹ Quote from Thomas Nelson NKJV Study Bible.

² Quote from NIV Study Bible.

Application: The disciples saw Jesus physically and heard him with their own ears. How do Christians today see Jesus and hear Him?

→ We *see* Jesus through the actions of His Body.

→ We *hear* Jesus through the reading of His Word and through Spirit-inspired conversations with other believers.

Sermon in a Sentence: The joy of following Jesus is knowing that we will be forever with Him.



Action Steps:

1. Invite someone to church next Sunday. Our goal: Break 200!
2. Share Jesus with someone this week.
3. Each one reach one-who are you reaching this year?

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your Connection Card.

Preview for next Sunday: "Who is my Neighbor?" Luke 10:25-37