

# **The Fruit of the Spirit: Love and Joy**

*August 25 – 28, 2024*

**Love (Part 2):** Sunday, August 25

## **1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 7**

- From **verses 1 – 3**, summarize Paul's point regarding the role that love should serve in the actions that we take in serving the Lord. Describe the illustration that Paul provides in **verse 1** to emphasize the importance of love in our relationships with God and others.
- Consider the attributes that Paul lists in **verses 4 – 7** as he provides a comprehensive description of love. Within each verse, consider how the attributes listed are related to each other. What do these characteristics teach us about the love that we have for God, and the love that we demonstrate toward others?

## **John 15: 9 – 10**

- From **verse 9**, what connection does Jesus make between the love that God the Father has for Him, and the love that Jesus has for us? How does Jesus say that we should respond?
- In **verse 10**, how does Jesus connect the love that we have for God with our willingness to obey His commandments? How did Jesus set an example for us regarding the love that we should show to God and to others?

*(John 14: 15; Philippians 2: 5 – 8)*

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**Joy: Wednesday, August 28**

**Philippians 4: 4**

- How would you define “joy” from a spiritual perspective, and what is the connection between “joy” and “rejoicing”?
- What should be the source of our joy, as compared to how the world seeks it? (*Psalm 118: 24*)

**1 Peter 1: 6 – 9**

- Summarize Peter’s point about joy from this passage. What does he identify as the source of the true joy that we should seek?
- How can we experience joy even when we suffer? How can that suffering result in the strengthening of our faith? (*Acts 5: 40 – 42*)
- In **verse 8**, how does Peter describe the joy that we derive from our faith? From **verse 9**, what does Peter identify as the outcome of our faith?

**John 15: 11 – 14**

- As mentioned in **verse 11**, what is the source of the joy that Jesus desires for us? Describe the significance of Jesus stating that our joy can be full / complete. How can we obtain that fullness of joy?
- How is this joy connected to our relationship with Christ and the fact that He was willing to give His life to save us from our sins? (*Hebrews 12: 1 – 2*)