

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for December 14-15, 2002

"Again I Will Say Rejoice"

Philippians 4:4

Happiness is an attitude of satisfaction or delight based on some present circumstance.

Biblical joy is a deep down confidence that all is well with our soul no matter what our circumstances might be.

Biblical joy is a gift from God (Psalms 4:7-8; Psalms 16:11).

Biblical joy is a gift from God to all those who believe (John 15:11).

Biblical joy is produced by the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

Biblical joy is a gift from God to all those who believe produced in them by the Holy Spirit as they receive and obey God's word (Jeremiah 15:16).

Biblical joy will thrive in the midst of trials (1 Thessalonians 1:6; James 1:2).

Biblical joy will focus on future glory (1 Peter 1:6-8).

Not only can we experience biblical joy but we are expected to experience biblical joy even at Christmas.