

This past Sunday Pastor Mark Hankins ministered, "Heavenly Triumphant Joy."

Romans 14:17

This verse lists three things in the kingdom of God.

1. **Righteousness**. You could talk about the gift of righteousness or the fruit or the force of righteousness. And we know that's a free gift given to us because of the blood of Christ, precious blood of Jesus.
2. **Peace**, having peace in your heart and peace in your mind.
3. **Joy in the Holy Ghost** which is really kingdom culture.

The church has a different culture than the world. And kingdom culture would be this unusual phenomenon called "Joy in the Holy Ghost." The Holy Ghost always brings joy. Jesus taught about the person and the work of the Holy Spirit in John chapters 14, 15 and 16. Jesus called Him the comforter or the Paraclete. Jesus said, He's with you now; but in that day, we know that day would be after the cross, after the resurrection of Christ, the Holy Spirit will move in you and live in you forever.

When you look in a mirror, say;

"Holy Spirit, I know you're in there. Don't act like you're not in there."

The Greek word for comforter means several other words: our helper, our strengthener, our advocate, our intercessor, our counselor, our standby. John 16 tells me the Holy Spirit will take what is mine [Jesus'] and show it to you. And then Jesus followed up and said, everything the Father has is mine. Other translations say **He will** communicate it to you.

You cannot be any closer to Jesus than you are yielded to the Holy Spirit.

Smith Wigglesworth said when you're filled with the Holy Spirit, that He has power over your intellect, then he said He has power over your voice. Then he said, He has the power to glorify Jesus, to take what Christ has done for us and make it a reality in us. **Without the help of the Holy Spirit, you can have a lot of theology and no reality.** Another way of saying that is the Holy Spirit takes everything that Christ has done for us and translates it into personal victory.

Kenneth E. Hagin said that the world needs to be taught to receive Jesus, but the church needs to be taught to receive the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:11, 26-27;

“The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us and He quickens our mortal body.”

The Apostle Paul talked about praying in the Holy Spirit when he said, my spirit prays, and my mind does not even know what I'm saying. The Apostle Paul said, I thank God I pray more than all of you in the Spirit.

“Likewise, the Spirit [talking about the Holy Spirit] will help us, our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

PC Nelson pointed out “with groanings” means uttered in our articulate [everyday] speech.

v.27 “He that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the spirit because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

The Holy Spirit helps us, and everybody needs some help!

He helps with our infirmities. Rich Renner said this denotes a crippling disease, an incurable disease, a reoccurring plague, a mental oppression, or a terminal condition. The Holy Spirit takes hold together with us against situations that are too big for us!

You may know people that have a little bit of whine in their voice because of situations they are facing. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit and allow His boldness to work in you, that whine leaves. The greater one is living inside of you, directing you, energizing you, equipping you...

Holy Spirit helps us to pray supernaturally, beyond our intellect. Look at that word intercession. It is a picture of someone who has fallen into a pit from which there is no way they can escape. The intercessor is the one who comes along and finds you in that pit. The intercessor is the picture of the one who jumps in the pit with you and pulls you out of the pit.

The Holy Spirit has pit experience. So, no matter how bad the pit is, no matter how hopeless it may look, no matter how bad the struggle may be, the Holy Spirit comes along, jumps in the pit with you, shares your feelings. He knows how you feel. He knows what you're going through. And He pulls you out of this situation.

He is our first responder.

A first responder is somebody who shows up at a tragedy, knows exactly what to do to take things that are out of order and bring them back into order.

That anointing is called the oil of joy. Psalm said, "I shall be anointed with fresh oil." Some of you need an oil change! Changing your personality and putting victory in your voice.

When Paul mentions this facet of the Holy Ghost, he calls it joy in the Holy Ghost.

In Philippians, apostle Paul mentions the word joy and rejoice 16x. Philippians 4, the apostle Paul says, rejoice in the Lord always. And again, I say rejoice. So, if anybody asks you what time it is, it's a good time to rejoice!

1 Peter 1:8 says,

“Yet believe Him, rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.”

If you believe, then you should be rejoicing.

It is a supernatural joy that ushers in the glory of God. It's a container for the glory [the manifested presence] of God.

On the day of Pentecost, they had fire on their heads. You cannot have fire on your head and act normally. Holy Spirit wants to burn the stuff off you that the enemy has been trying to put on you. And that fire will ignite the gift of God and the calling of God on the inside of you.

Paul told Timothy, stir up the gift of God that's on the inside of you.

C.S. Lewis said, “Joy is the serious business of heaven.”

That means in an atmosphere of joy, heaven takes care of some serious business.

Pastor Mark shared that when his mother would get excited at church she would go running around inside the sanctuary. She would be rejoicing and go, woo, woo, woo... People would ask my Dad, why does your wife run around the church? My Dad would say, some of you think that is not necessary, and it is not necessary unless it is necessary.

There are times when you realize what God has done, and the only way you can express His greatness, His joy in you, His presence upon you is to put some action to your emotions and run, shout, dance, or jump. **Your joy is a demonstration of the triumph of Christ.**

2 Timothy 1:7,

“For God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind.”

Psalm 27,

“The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?”

Some say I know that verse, but the authority that you have as a believer means you say it.

If you knew the pit that some people came out of, you would know why they pray and respond in a certain way. You cannot get more spiritual than God. Some of you try and be respectable, but listen, if God's laughing and you're in His presence, you just laugh out of respect.

One of the greatest hospitals in the world is in Houston, Texas, MD Anderson. They have laughing classes for their patients.

“Laughter for Health Yoga” A blend of deep breathing, stretching and simulated laughter exercises that may help reduce stress, depression and more. Practice mindful meditation techniques and learn how they can help improve mood and decrease anxiety.

They are not Christian, but they see the value in laughing!

People come from all over the world to get surgery. And they have discovered that when somebody's happy, then they get well faster. They have also discovered that your body cannot tell the difference between a real laugh and a fake laugh. You get the same benefit either way. Ha Ha Ha.

This is one way that you cast all your cares on the Lord. Somebody said, you're just doing that. How did you figure that out? Ha Ha Ha. In other words, you don't have to feel like it. You just go ahead and act like the Bible is true and go, ha ha ha. Whatever the devil meant for evil, God is turning that thing around for your good.

My dad's church grew from 20 people to over 2000 people. Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ, Catholics came from all over to be filled with the Holy Spirit because Jesus is alive. One man came in and gave my dad \$2.2 million for a new church building. They built the biggest church in the biggest part of town. Full of joy, full of the Holy Ghost. Everybody say; "serious business."

Psalm 1:26,

"When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like those. That dream then was our mouth filled with laughter."

God turned it once. Now He turned it again. And our mouth was filled with laughter.

Dad Hagan prophesied, when this anointing is in full manifestation, joy and the Holy Ghost will be in demonstration. Some people will just start laughing. Other people will start rejoicing or dancing in the Spirit. Then Dad Hagan, when he was in his 80's would dance.

[If you can't dance, you can scoot.]

King David danced before the Lord with all his might and ushered in the glory of God.

When you get filled with the Holy Spirit, you get loaded with His glory. Dad Hagan would say, "Whatever you want, reach up and get it right now because the glory is here."

Go ahead and practice for a minute.

Say, ha ha ha. <laugh>

Holy Ghost, I need some help here. He can help you with your situation.

Ha ha. Serious business. Ha ha ha.

I don't know where the drinking section is, I'm looking for the drinking section. I'm looking for somebody that'll say, I want a fresh anointing of the Holy Ghost, to be filled. Ha ha.

Filled and filled again. Ha ha ha. Glory, glory, glory, glory.

If you'll receive it, if you'll mix faith with it, things will start to turn in your life.