

“Restore unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation”

Psalms 51:12

Introduction:

- A. David lost the joy of salvation in the Bathsheba affair.
- B. David prays for forgiveness and the restoration of joy (vv. 1-12)
- C. David's plea has two words worthy of special meditation.

Discussion:

I. “Joy”

- A. The word “gospel” suggests joy (cf. “Glad tidings” in Lk. 2:10; Acts 13:32; Good Spell)
- B. The gospel teaches joy.
 - 1. Part of the kingdom's nature (Rom. 14:17)
 - 2. Fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22)
 - 3. Command of God (Phil. 4:4; cf. 1 Jno. 5:3)
- C. The gospel produces joy.
 - 1. Pentecostians gladly received the word (Acts 2:41)
 - 2. Ethiopian and jailer rejoiced after baptism (Acts 8:36-39; 16:30-34)
 - 3. Paul rejoiced in his duty to God (Acts 20:24)
 - 4. Disciples rejoiced in suffering for Christ (Acts 5:41, 42; cf. Mt. 5:11,12)
 - 5. John rejoiced in the salvation and faithfulness of others (3 John 3,4)
- D. The gospel needs joy to be effective.
 - 1. Could the gospel have spread so rapidly without joy? (cf. v. 13; Acts 5:41, 42)
 - 2. Could the necessary funds be raised without joy? (2 Cor. 8:2; 9:6; Heb. 10:34)
 - 3. Can man be truly effective in any field without joy? (cf. Elders - Heb. 13:17).

II. “Restore”

- A. Suggests that the joy of salvation can be lost.
 - 1. Can cease to delight in spiritual things (cf. Psalms 1:1,2; Rev. 2:4)
 - 2. Can cease to find pleasure in service to God.
 - a. Becomes a burden (cf. Mal. 1:13)
 - b. Begin to mumber (1 Cor. 10:10)
 - c. Would think gospel was “bad news”
- B. Suggest that the lost joy can be restored.
 - 1. If you lost your salvation be converted. (Jas. 5:20, 21)
 - 2. If you have lost the joy of your salvation overcome with the help of God's word.
 - a. Because of weariness (Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13)
 - b. Because of the fear of failure (1 Cor. 3:6).
 - c. Because on insecurity (2 Pet. 1:10; Jude 24; 1 Cor. 10:13)
 - d. Because of worrying (Matt. 6:31-34)
 - e. Because of unpleasant thoughts (Phil. 4:8)
 - f. Because of guilt (1 John 1:7-2:1)
 - 3. Not all joy is faith based - so lack of it may not always be a lack of faith, but physically based..

Conclusion:

- A. If you have never experienced the joy of salvation – B. R. C. B. (Acts 2:38; Mk 16:16; Rom. 10:10)
- B. If you have lost the joy of your salvation, repent.