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Series Title: "Joy: A Resilient Happiness"

Sunday's Message Title: "What Is Joy"

Text: Matt. 5:2-10

1. Joy is Happiness (Matt. 5:2-10)

- A. A State ("Blessed")
- B. A Condition ("are")
- C. A Purpose ("for")

2. Joy is Confidence

A. When We Are Hassled (James 1:2-4)

- (1) State... "Count it all joy"
- (2) Condition... "When you meet various kinds of trials"
- (3) Purpose... "for you know"

B. When We Are Hurting (1Peter 1:8-9)

- (1) State... "rejoice with joy"
- (2) Condition... "you have not seen him"
- (3) Purpose... "the salvation of your souls"

Application: How do we experience this pervasive joy?

1. View your walk with God as your life.
2. Love God more than.....
3. Enjoy all of God's gifts and pleasures but worship Him alone.
4. Cultivate an appetite for the eternal (the stuff that lasts forever).