

West Valley Church of Christ – April 07, 2024

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

REAL JOY

For many people, life seems dull at best, and at worst, filled with anxiety and turmoil. Our nation's constitution guarantees the pursuit of happiness as a right, but it does not guarantee our ability to find it. Most



people are in great need of a JOY transfusion, but they don't know where to get one. I am persuaded that no method or program would attract unbelievers to the church like the message that real happiness can be pursued and gained in Jesus Christ, the Lord. Here comes the irony; most nonbelievers do not associate the concept of joy with church or Christianity. I have asked myself; "Do they have a reason to think that way?" Haven't we all been to a church service at some point where the assembly looked like they had gathered to mourn a defeat rather than celebrate a victory? Is it at least a possibility that some so-called "Christians" act like they were baptized in freshly squeezed lemon juice. God intends Christians to live a joy-filled life. The Psalms are full of calls to come before the Lord with a spirit of gladness (Psalm 100:1-2). We must remember that real joy does not come from things, nor is it found in some package. Real joy only springs forth from a close relationship with the Savior, Jesus. Our current Wednesday evening Bible study on Philippians reminds us where real joy is found.

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