

West Valley Church of Christ – May 31, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:00 p.m.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (3)

It is incredibly ironic to realize most people are searching for joy, but few seem to find joy. It is especially ironic when we understand God wants to fill us full with the fruit of joy. The fruit of the Spirit called “joy” is the second in the list of the spiritual fruit found in Galatians Chapter 5. The book of Acts ends with Jesus being taken up into heaven in the presence of those whom He had chosen to be apostles. Luke 24:52 reads, “Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.” Peter later would speak of the joy we can have in our heart. 1 Peter 1:8-9, **8** “Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, **9** you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” The New King James Version, The New American Standard Bible, The English Standard Version and the New International Version all use the word “inexpressible” in v.8 as to the joy Peter speaks about. Peter is overwhelmed with joy. Peter’s joy is not based on any physical thing or circumstance, but rather on the spiritual blessings from God’s hand. Jesus told His disciples to “Rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).

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