

# O' Joy where have you gone?

Psalms 51

## Introduction:

You ever wake up in the mornings and just wish the day was already over with? Do you seem to always feel blah? You have lost your joy or you never had it. Today we are going to look at what happens to our joy and how we can get it back.

## Scripture:

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. 9 Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise. 18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

## Key Points:

1. Sin steals our joy.
2. Only repentance can restore it.

## Outline:

1. Sin steals our joy.
  - a. Anything that causes us not to be what God has intended us to be is sin.
    - i. Most consider breaking the ten commandments is sin but it is so much more than that. In David's case it was adultery and murder.
      - (1) But it is anything that keeps our focus on God.
  - b. Our sin should break our heart, because when we sin God can no longer look upon us.
    - i. When God can no longer look upon us we no longer have joy in our lives.

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- (1) Joy and love can only come from God.
2. Only repentance can restore our joy
    - a. How do we repent? Well first we must understand what it means to repent.
      - i. Repent- express sincere regret or remorse
    - b. Well how do we repent?
      - i. Acknowledge what we did wrong.
      - ii. Ask God for HIS cleansing.
        - (1) Because when we sin we are actually sinning against God because we are representing what HE stands for.
        - (2) Only God can provide the forgiveness for sin not you or not me.
        - (3) We need HIS cleansing because HE desires truth within us.
      - iii. We ask God to create within us a clean heart and a steadfast spirit.
    - c. It is only when we come clean to God that HE will restore our joy and use us the way HE intended.
      - i. Only when we are clean can God use us to reach others for HIM or teach others about HIM.
      - ii. Only when we come clean to God can we sing out in praises unto HIM for who HE is and what HE has done in our lives.

When was the last time you shed a tear over your sins?

When was the last time you asked God to create in you a clean heart so that HE could use you.

When you accepted Christ as your Lord and savior was it so that HE could use you or was simple to escape Hell?

Conclusion:

Is it time that you had a heart to heart with God about where your joy went? Are you finally ready to be used by God in the many ministry possibilities there are? Is it time to finally shed some tears over the sin in your life? Let today be the day of a new life with Christ.