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IRREPRESSIBLE JOY

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Acts 3:8
And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.*

Spontaneous joy overtook him. He could not help himself. He rushed into the temple jumping about and praising God. His behavior created quite a stir (Acts 3:9-11), but this man was experiencing irrepresible joy. He could not be silent. God had just performed a great act of deliverance for him, and spontaneous joy flooded his soul. For the first time in his life he could enter the temple of his own accord. What a privilege! Joy overflowed his heart and erupted from his lips as praise to God.

Lame from birth (Acts 3:2) his life had been domi-

nated by his disability for more than forty years (Acts 4:22). Unable to work, he was forced to beg at the temple door. One day he encountered Peter and John, apostles of Jesus, and his life was transformed forever. He asked them for alms, but they gave him something profoundly better. They offered him healing in the name of Jesus. His life was radically transformed from that day.

Divine deliverance ignites irrepresible joy. When we understand the depth of what Christ has done for us, we cannot keep silent. Our hearts want to sing. Some of us may have received physical healings from God. Others deliverance from life-dominating sins. But all who put their trust in Christ have received the greatest deliverance of all. We have been rescued from the penalty and power of sin. And one day we will be delivered from the very presence of sin as we enjoy eternity with God in a new, perfect world purged from the curse of sin. When most of us first got saved joy flooded our souls, but after we have been saved for

a while, we tend to take our salvation for granted. We trudge through life distracted by the mundane activities that fill our days. Our lives seem dull and monotonous. But like Paul, I pray that today God would remind us “what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that [we] may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:18-19). And may that knowledge fill us with deep joy.

I do not know your current circumstances. You may be facing some struggles and challenges. But may a fresh recognition of the blessing of your salvation in Christ fill you with irrepresible joy even in the midst of your difficulties.

God bless you,
Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

AUG 29

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James
for log on information at
rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

SEP 1

In-person at church.
For teens
ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

SEP 3 & SEP 17

Join us in-person
at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

SEP 3

These ministries are
available every Sunday
during the morning service
Kidzone for ages
6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

SEP 3

In-person service and
Livestreaming on Facebook,
Youtube and our webpage.

- Our church's 15th Anniversary and Friend Day is October 1st. Invite a Friend!
- Sign up at the Information Counter to bring an item for our International Luncheon following our Anniversary and Friend Day Celebration.
- Men's Retreat at New Life Island October 13-14th. See Ted for details.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!