

REV. JIM'S THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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Dear Friends,

Lately I've been spending time each day meditating and praying about what brings joy to my heart and life. Each day I sit down with a cup of coffee and my Bible, and make a list of all of the blessings God has shared with me.

This past week, I've been doing a lot of thinking and praying about what Jesus was trying to tell us when He shared his promises about the joy He has for us:

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It seems to me Jesus promises us that if we go to Him with prayer requests that match up with the Godly life He wants for us, then God will grant our requests. It also seems to me Jesus promises us true joy will come to us when we try to live according to the principals of love, forgiveness, sharing and caring that characterized His life and ministry here on earth.

How about you, what brings you joy and gives you a sense of peace and comfort? When you think about your life, do you pause and give God thanks for the gifts of eternal life, the gifts of family and friends, and the gifts of home and health? Do you have a smile in your heart and on your face that expresses your heartfelt joy and appreciation for all of the gifts God gives you? Each day I'm becoming more convinced that the key to having joy and happiness is to connect our hopes and dreams with the life God has for us to enjoy.

Dear friends, my prayer is that you take time each day to sit with God and make a list of the blessings He shares with you, and find the joy God has for you!

Looking forward to seeing you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Jim