

## Pastoral Notes

'A Joy Assessment'- Luke 2:10-14, 17-18.

Our own Minister Rosemary Newman brought a word from the Lord to remind us that **periodically, we need to have 'a joy assessment'**. We need to assess the level of Joy that we maintain and display.

On a scale of 1-10, how would you assess the level of your joy? **Too many people seek joy in the things**

This is why Christians can smile in the face of pain. It is not that we don't hurt but we have a source of joy that never dries up.

Just as Angels do the will of God, so too should we. **It is God's will that we show the joy of the Lord in all we say and do.** Minister Newman reminded us that we must stop being content with unhappiness so that we can others will want to obtain the joy available through our Lord. It is true that we learn to be 'content'

### Key Sermonic Points:

1. *Fear inhibits, but Joy accomplishes*
2. *Joy does not depend on what you have, but whose you are*
3. *The joy we show others should make them wonder about the God we serve*

**of the world.** They look to obtain joy from jobs, purchases and people, not realizing that **true joy can only be obtained when it is rooted in God.**

Joy is not in things, it is in you. **The Holy Spirit that dwells in you is a fountain of joy just waiting to overflow.** You just have to tap into it and **allow it to lead and to sustain you.**

According to the Holman Bible Dictionary, joy is 'the happy state that results from knowing and serving God.'

in whatever circumstance we are in but contentment means we can find joy to sustain us until we reach the point of achieving that which we desire and we can be effective regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in.

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Stay Blessed,  
Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- The Joy of the Lord is your Strength
- Joy is not in things, it is in You