

Today's Theme

“Round 4 - Joy Safe”

Series Title

“Finding Joy In Life” Part 18

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What's needed to safeguard my joy?

1. **Beware** of those who would *steal* our joy.
2. **Stay true** to the *foundation* of our joy.
3. **Don't** be sidetracked by *religious* activity.
4. **Remain** *focused* on Jesus in life.

How To Keep Our Attention Focused

1. **Allow** Jesus to *change* us.
2. **Replace** my righteousness with *God's*.
3. **Experience** the *power* of Jesus in my life.
4. **Connect** with Jesus in our *suffering*.
5. **Live** life with the *hope* of heaven.

What This Life Looks Like

Phil 3:11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

(1) Live with the *motivating hope* of my salvation.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” 13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

(2) Live with *joy* because of being *heaven* bound.

Hebrews 6:18 we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever,

9 Cool Facts About Heaven

1. **Heaven will be *new* in every way.**
2 Peter 3:13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth
2. **No more *sad* emotions in heaven.**
Rev 21:4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
3. **No more *bad* behavior in heaven.**
Rev 21:27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful,
4. **No more *night* in heaven - God *lights* it.**
Rev 22:5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.
5. **Heaven will have a *different value* system.**
Rev 21:18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.[a] 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.
6. **We will *recognize* each other in heaven.**
Mark 9:3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.
7. **We will *hang out* with each other & God.**
Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.
8. **The *tree of life* will be in heaven.**
Rev 22:2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, . . .
9. **Jesus followers are *citizens* of heaven *now*.**
Phil 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,