Rejoice Always

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Big Idea: We Ought to Always Rejoice

1.) Common Misconceptions

- A.) Not Simply An Emotion
- B.) Not Simply An Act
- C.) Not Simply Circumstantial

2.) Christian Joy Is a Perpetual Disposition and Orientation

- A.) Joy is Not Simply An Emotion, but a <u>Disposition</u>
- B.) Joy is Not Simply An Act, but an Orientation
- "...this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- C.) Joy is Not Circumstantial, but Perpetual

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

3.) The Source, Ground, and Cause of our Joy

A.) The Source of Joy is Our New Relationship with God the Father

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

"But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy..." (Psalm 5:11)

"we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." (Romans 5:11)

"The Lord your God in your midst,The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17)

- B.) The Ground of Joy is the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
- C.) The Cause of Joy the Work of the Holy Spirit

4.) Joy Is Inseparable From our Hope.