

To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Radical Love of Jesus

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The Gospel of
JOHN
"Come and See"

John 3:22-30
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Complete Joy

Review

John 1

¹ In the beginning was the Word... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh

John 1

^{29b} “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1

⁴³ “Follow me.”

John 2

^{10b} But you have kept the good wine until now.”

John 2

¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple

John 3

unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:22-36

After this (*Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, talking about being Born Again*) Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."



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“This *joy* of mine is *complete*”

What fulfills your joy?

How long does it last?

“This *joy* of mine is *complete*”

“He *must* increase, but I *must* decrease.”

“Joy Complete”

“Completed Joy” happens 4 times in the New Testament, and they all center around others’ growth in the Gospel

In addition to today’s passage:

Philippians 2:2
complete my joy by
being of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and
of one mind.

1 John 1:4
And we are writing
these things (*the
Gospel*) so that
our joy may be
complete.

2 John 1:12
...I hope to come to
you and talk face
to face, so that our
joy may be
complete.

When my joy hinges around me and my kingdom,
it will be hollow and short lived.

To enjoy complete joy,
I need to get out of my own way.
It can't be all about me.

Pete Holz with Samaritan's Purse in Ukraine



Two Barriers

Thinking too highly
of yourself

Thinking too lowly
of yourself

Philippians 2

- ¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
- ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 19:7

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure” —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

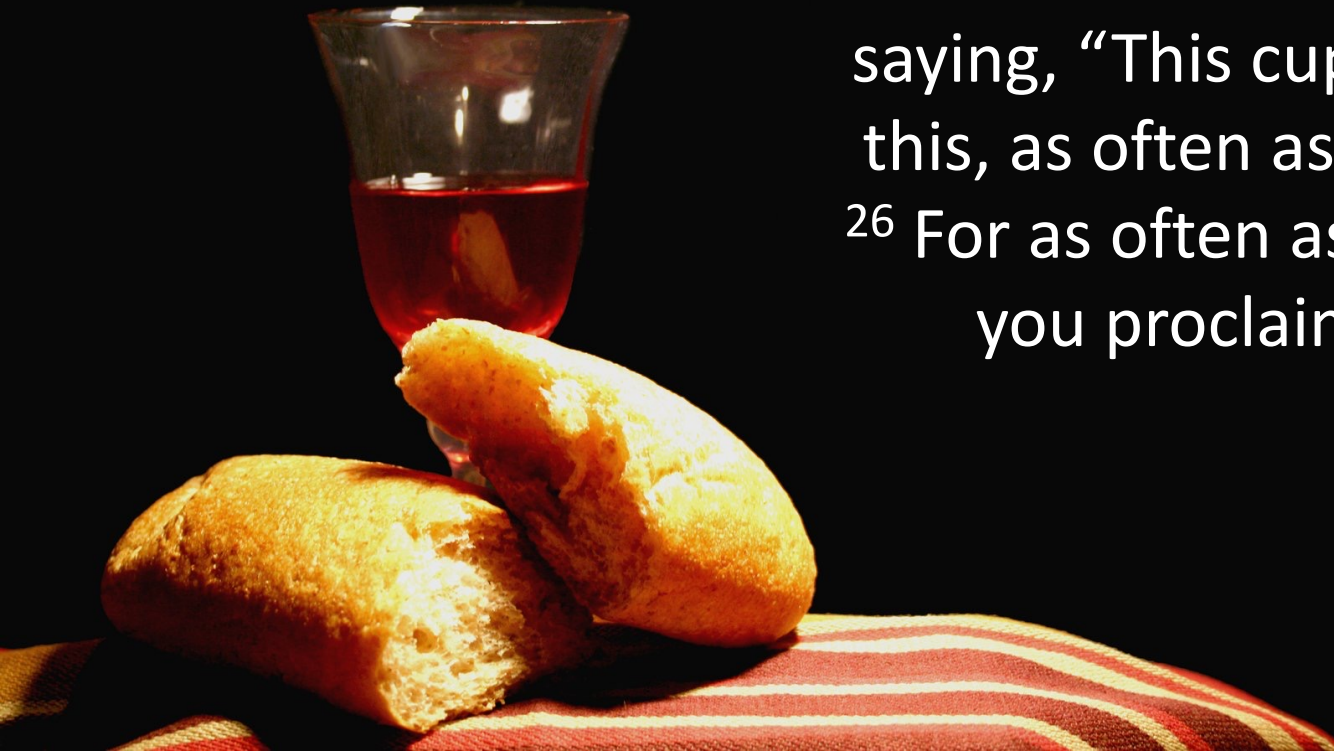
⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those
who are invited to the ***marriage supper of the Lamb.***”
And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

1Corinthians 11:23

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.



Completing Joy

Get Down

1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you...

Sit Down

“Let your house be a meeting place for your Rabbis, and cover yourself in the dust of their feet, and drink in their words thirstily.”

Attributed to Yose Ben Yoezer, 2nd Century BC

Go Out

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.