

# Joy as the Seventy Return

Luke – The Acts of Jesus

Luke 10:17-25

03-05-2017 through 03-19-2017

# The Joy of the Savior

Luke 10:21-24

03-19-2017

# Jesus Rejoiced Greatly in the Holy Spirit – v. 21a

- “At that time...”, immediately...
- “...He rejoiced greatly...” *hɔgal liasato*, *agaliasato*, to experience a state of great joy and gladness, often involving verbal expression and appropriate body movement, to be extremely joyful, to be overjoyed
- “...in the Holy Spirit...”
  - Cf. “...in the name of...” – Mt 28:19
  - In accordance with the person, character, purpose, power and will of...

# The Father's Sovereign Pleasure – v. 21*b*

- Jesus' joy is in relation to the Father's satisfaction
- Jesus' joy is expressed in praise and intimacy (O Father, and Yes, Father)
- Jesus claims God as His own unique Father, claiming equality of essence with Him – cf. Jn 5:18
  - To erase all question about His intent, Jesus identifies His Father as, “Lord of heaven and earth.” – cf. Ac 17:24; Gen 14:19,22; Ezra 5:11; Isa 66:1
- “...well pleasing in your sight...”
  - Jesus life and ministry is going exactly as the Father intended
  - God's eternal purposes are being carried out as designed

# The Father's Sovereign Pleasure – v.21*b* cont.

- Because, “...You have hidden...”
  - These things – Jesus identity as deity, as Messiah
  - God revealed them to whom He so desired
  - God hid them from those whom He so desired
- From the “wise and intelligent...” – cf. 1 Co 1:18-2:5; Jas 3:15-18
  - The religious elite
  - The well-educated
  - The wise and understanding ones
  - Those who claim **secret** knowledge of God, agnostics
  - Those who claim knowledge through the **mystery** religions

# The Father's Sovereign Pleasure – v.21*b* cont.

- Not educated vs. uneducated, but rather
- Able to receive vs. unable to receive
  - Jesus chose young children to illustrate who understands the kingdom – 9:47
  - Jesus chose the *poor in spirit* – Mt 5:3
  - God has given all glory to Himself – cf. 1 Co 1:29-31
- Salvation belongs to those who ignorant, humble, broken and contrite
  - Not the proud, intelligent, boastful, conceited – 1 Co 2:14
  - But the knowingly undeserving – Is 57:15; 66:2

# The Father's Delegation of Supreme Power – v. 22

- Jesus rejoiced not only in God's plan, but also in His part of the plan
  - “ALL THINGS...” in heaven, on earth and under the earth
  - Are “...handed over to...” – the responsibility and authority to go with it
  - “to Me...” – to Jesus, the Son of God/Man, the Messiah
  - “by My Father...” – cf. Mt 28:18; Jn 3:35; 13:3; 17:2
- The Father's sovereign plan has been handed to the Son to bring it to pass through the Holy Spirit

# The Father's Delegation of Supreme Power – v. 22, cont.

- “...no one knows who the Son is except the Father...,”
  - If the Father chose to, no one would know who Jesus really is except the Father and the Holy Spirit
- “and who the Father is except the Son.” – Jesus alone, is able to reveal the Father
  - Jesus is the Word that proceeds from the Father – cf. Jn 1:18; 1:1-5,14
  - The Son has come to reveal God to us – 1 Jn 5:20
  - The Son is the perfect revelation of the Father – Jn 14:9



# The Father's Delegation of Supreme Power – v. 22, cont

- “...and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.”
  - No one can gain knowledge of the Father apart from the Son
  - Such knowledge has been predetermined by the Father – Jn 6:44*f*. Cf. v. 37
- God has answered our objections to this seemingly divine injustice
  - Is God unjust? – Ro 9:14-18
  - How can He find fault? – 9:19-24
- God is the One who causes growth – 1 Co 3:6*f*.

# The Father's Delegation of Supreme Power – v. 22

- We cannot save ourselves
  - We are spiritually dead in trespass and sin and children of wrath – Eph 2:1-5
  - We have been blinded by Satan – 2 Co 4:4
  - We are unable to understand spiritual truth – 1 Co 2:14
  - We are unable to please God – Ro 8:8
- Yet, we are also responsible for our choices
  - God invites us to salvation – Mt 11:28 (cf. Jn 6:37, no one will come to me...)
  - God cajoles us to accept His invitation – Is 55:1
  - Whoever believes in Him shall not perish...” – Jn 3:16

# The Surpassing Privilege Given to the Saints – 10:23*f*.

- “Turning to His disciples...privately...”
  - This message is for those who are true believers
- “...Blessed...” this joy belongs to...
- “...are the eyes which see the things you see...”
  - Not only you who are privileged to see this now
  - But also those who will see what you are seeing now
- This small group (flock) of true believers – Lk 12:32; Mt 11:28
  - Enabled by the Holy Spirit
  - Contrite of spirit and heart
  - Enabled by the Holy Spirit

# The Surpassing Privilege Given to the Saints – 10:23*f*.

- How privileged are they?
- Prophets (Abel, Enoch, Moses, Isaiah, Daniel, etc), priests (Aaron, Melchizedek), Judges (Samuel), Kings ( David)
- “...wished to see...and...hear...” – cf. 1 Pet 1:10-12
  - They died in faith w/o receiving what was promised – Heb 11:13
  - They gained approval through their faith – 11:39
  - So they could be made perfect, not apart from us – 11:40
- This privilege, granted in the sovereignty of God, brought joy to Jesus and the seventy ... and should bring joy to all believers