



MISSION CITY BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, May 22, 2022

TITLE: Abiding through Celebration

SERIES: ABIDE: Pursuing the Presence and Power of God for my Life

PASSAGE: Psalm 16:5-11

“God is commanding us to look at him until we see glory that produces an awe-filled joy we can’t help but express in praise.” - John Piper

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

1. Celebrate: You _____ to God! v5-6

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” Psalm 73:25–26.

2. Celebrate: in Christ you receive _____! v7

He’s given you guiding principles such as:

- Do it all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31
- In humility count others more significant than yourself. Philippians 2:3
- Rejoice, pray, and give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

He’s given you guiding examples:

- Love your wife, as Christ loved the Church. Ephesians 5:25
- Endure, looking to Jesus. Hebrews 12:1-2
- Imitate those who follow Christ. Philippians 3:17

He’s guiding you towards untouchable joy and peace in any circumstance:

- Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7
- Find contentment in his strength to endure. Philippians 4:11-12
- Serve the body and be built up in love. Ephesians 4:11-16

3. Celebrate: in Christ you _____! v8

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”” - Lamentations 3:22-24

4. Celebrate: in Christ you have _____! v9-10

“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed... knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So, we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison” 2 Corinthians 4:7-9,14-17

5. Celebrate: in Christ you have _____! v11



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DISCUSSION:

1. What have you celebrated throughout your life? Is there something that stands out as a time of great celebration? Why is it so memorable?
2. Read Psalm 16:1-4
 - a. What is the psalmist asking from God?
 - b. What do you learn about people in these verses?
 - c. What do you learn about God in these verses?
3. Read Psalm 16:5-6.
 - a. Has the psalmist found what he was asking from God? What is it?
 - b. Do you have a similar attitude as the psalmist, trusting that you belong to God, that you have a beautiful inheritance in him? Why?
4. Read Psalm 16:7, Acts 20:27, Ephesians 1:11, Jeremiah 7:24, Isaiah 46:10-11, Isaiah 19:11.
 - a. What do you learn about counsel?
 - b. Where do you typically find your advice or counsel in life?
 - c. How can you seek God in your life's decisions?
 - d. How can your small group help in counsel?
5. Read Psalm 16:8, 63:8, 73:23-24, Isaiah 41:10-13, Hebrews 8:1
 - a. What do you learn about the security of God?
 - b. What situation in your life do you need these reminders?
6. Read Psalm 16:9-10, Psalm 33:21
 - a. Would you say that your own "heart is glad"? Explain.
 - b. According to Psalm 19:8, 31:7, 40:16 – how can we rejoice and make our heart glad?
 - c. What is a specific verse(s) in the Bible that you find joy in?
7. Read Psalm 16:11. The last point in this sermon is "*Celebrate: In Christ you have life*". Take time in prayer as a group to celebrate, praising God that he has given you new life in Christ.