Series: Limitless Title: Limitless Joy Text: John 15:1-11

With these, He reveals God's plan for each of them

1st He explains our relationship with He and the Father 2nd Explains the Result of our Relationship with the Father.

Joy is the Birthright of the child of God. Joy is the Birthmark of the child of God. (2 Cor 3:17)(Ps 100:2)

- **1. The Source of This Joy is Jesus:** (Jn 15:11) "my joy". We are to rejoice in the Lord: (John 17:13)
- 2. The Stability of This Joy. (Jn 15:11) (Phil 4:4)
- 3. The Sufficiency of that Joy (Jn 15:11)(Ps 16:11)
- 4. The Secret of This Joy: (Jn 15:11)

  Jesus is the Vine & Father is the husbandman: Vs 1

  We are the Branches: Vs 5
- (1) <u>Jesus Christ is the source of all life</u>; Vs 1

  <u>The Vine Gives Life to the Branches</u>: (John 10:10)

  <u>Jesus is the only Source of Eternal Life</u>: (John 10:28-30)
- (2) Everything that the Vine has, is given wholly to the **Branches**: (Mat 6:33)(Rom 8:32)(Heb 2:10)
- (3) He is the Support to the Branches: (Heb 1:3)
- (4) He giveth Purpose to the Branches: Vs 2 (Jn 15:2)

Our Fruit should lead to souls being saved: (Mat 5:16) Fruit is anything done to bring Glory to God. (Titus 3:14)(Gal 5:22-23)(Eph 5:9)

Bearing Much Fruit gives us Christ's Joy: (Jn 15:11)

(5) The Father tends the branches so that they will bear the most fruit. (Jn 15:2)(Jn 15:11)

To bear fruit we must let the Father cut wrong practices and habits out of our lives so we can bear more fruit; (Heb 12:11)

This is not a harsh thing, for the Vine cannot bear fruit without the branch!

Plants Bear fruit to reproduce themselves: (Mk 4:28-29)

The Human Soul is that valuable to God! (John 3:16)

(5) <u>Fruit-bearing depends on us remaining in Christ & drawing on His sustaining grace</u>; (Jn 15:4-5)(2 Cor 3:4-5)

We are complete IN CHRIST, & only in CHRIST! (2 Tim 2:21)(Gal 5:16-17)

Resist the Devil: (James 4:7-8) and Yield unto God. (Rom 6:13-21)

(6) Failing to bear fruit has serious consequences: (John 15:6)

We are judged if we do not bear fruit; (Luke 13:7-9)

# (7) Those who bear fruit have their prayers answered;

(John 15:7)(1 John 3:22)(1 John 5:14-15)

# (8) Bearing fruit glorifies God: (John 15:8)(1 Cor 6:20)

(1 Pet 2:12)

#### (9) The Results of Our Relationship with the Father is

**Joy:** (John 15:9-11)

## Joy vs. Frustration

(Prov 15:13)(Rom 8:28-29)(Jn 15:8)

### There are five degrees in fruit-bearing:

- (1) no fruit ("bears no fruit," v. 2);
- (2) "fruit" (v. 2);
- (3) "more fruitful" (v. 2);
- (4) "much fruit"
- (5) "Fruit that Remains (Vs. 16)

(Jn 15:9-11)