

“The Joy of Church”

Philippians 2:1-18

Three questions this morning for consideration:

1. Why do you go to church?
 2. Do you enjoy being in church?
 3. How does your time in church affect your life outside of church?
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- A joyful church is centered in unity and humility. (1-4)
 - Joy in the church is fulfilled with a **unified** love for God.
 - Joy in the church is exemplified by **love** for one another.
 - A joyful church is rooted in Christ. (5-11)
 - Humility is supremely demonstrated in the **incarnation** of Jesus Christ.
 - In a **perfect** display of love, Christ gave His life for you.
 - The purest joy of the church is the **exaltation** of Christ.
 - A joyful church is guided by the Holy Spirit. (12-13)
 - Joy in Christ produces **obedience**.
 - The lifelong process of **sanctification** produces ever growing joy.
 - The Spirit of God is the **producer** of joy in the believer.
 - A joyful church pursues God above all else. (14-18)
 - The children of God **pursue** God.
 - The obedient church **practices** and **proclaims** the word of God.

Challenge: **“Share your Joy”**