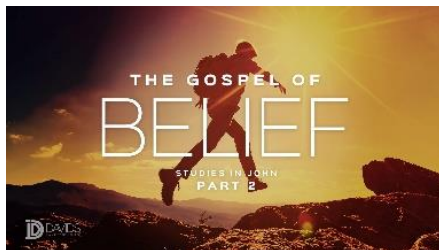
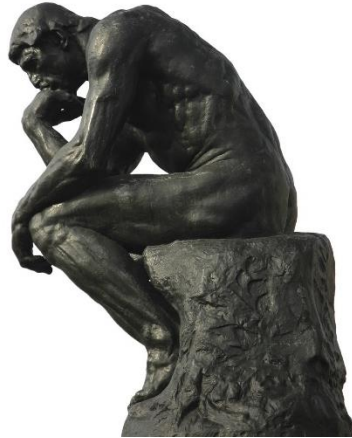


## Our Response

### 3 Ways to Cultivate our Joy (23-24)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



Next Sunday:  
John 16:25-33

"Joy in the Mourning"  
John 16:16-24

August 12, 2018  
Gospel of Belief



Joy is not \_\_\_\_\_

#### **HAPPINESS**

Emotion  
Feeling  
Subjective  
Temporary  
Circumstances  
Changes  
Earned  
Material  
Based on Self  
Don't live for

#### **JOY**

Fact  
Reality  
Objective  
Permanent  
Identity  
Unchanging  
Gift  
Spiritual  
Based on Jesus  
Live for

**Joy is:** *Attribute of God, Fruit of the Spirit, Attitude of the Heart, Result of the Gospel, Inevitable for a Christian, & a Weapon Against Sin & Sorrow*

1. Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ (16-19, 22)

*..a little while..?*

Jesus' 3 Year Ministry	YAY!
Jesus' Crucifixion	BOO!
Jesus' Resurrection	YAY!
Jesus' Accession	BOO!
Holy Spirit Pentecost	YAY!

The heart of a disciple is to: \_\_\_\_\_

We see Jesus through: \_\_\_\_\_

**Blaise Pascal:**

*Year of grace 1654, Monday 23 November, from about half past ten at night to about half an hour after midnight, FIRE. God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of philosophers & scholars. Certitude, heartfelt joy, peace. God of Jesus Christ. God of Jesus Christ. My God & your God. Joy, Joy, Joy, tears of joy... Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ. May I never be separated from Him.*

**Do you know this joy? Do you know Jesus?**

**2. Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ (20)**

Jesus' Death: \_\_\_\_\_



World: \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' Resurrection: \_\_\_\_\_

World: \_\_\_\_\_

How Jesus Transforms Sorrow into Joy

**Hebrews 12:2**

*...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God...*

**Are you looking to Jesus? Are your Eyes FIXED on Jesus?**

**3. Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ (21)**

Romans 8:18 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*



**Is your sorrow overwhelmed by Joy?  
Put yourself where joy can overwhelm you.**

**4. Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ (22)**

TEMPORARY:

*Sorrow, Pain, Hurt, Sadness, Weeping, Sickness, Etc.*

PERMANENT: **JOY**

Temporary False Joys:

Joy of Relationship = \_\_\_\_\_

Joy of Power = \_\_\_\_\_

Joy of Money = \_\_\_\_\_

Joy of Good Times = \_\_\_\_\_

Joy of Possessions = \_\_\_\_\_

Joy of Health = \_\_\_\_\_

**CS Lewis:**

*We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea.*

**STOP! Seeking joy in this world.  
STOP! Making mud pies in a slum.**