

THE WAY TO JOY !!!

As Jesus was praying just before He was arrested, (John 17:13), he prayed “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my “joy” within them.” This morning we will examine 3 important truths that help us to experience “Joy” on the way to meet Jesus.

I. Joy is always _____, it cannot be _____.

a. Mary – Luke 1:46-49 ---“And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.....

II. Joy is given to those who are thankful _____ all things and _____ all things.

a. Ephesians 5:20, I Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 1:2-3

b. Ann Voskamp – one thousand gifts – “Praying with eyes wide open enables one to pray without ceasing.”

III. Humility is the God given soil (_____) that grows _____ that yields _____ !!!

Hebrews 12:2, Phillipians 4:4

a. Martin Luther – “God created the world out of nothing and as long as we are nothing, He can create something out of us.”

b. Henry Ward Beecher – “ How much larger our lives would be if we could become smaller in it.

c. Jesus – “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me, yet not my will, but yours be done.” Luke 22:42

GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD AND HE ALWAYS LOVES ME!