



Philippians 1:3-6

Three weapons of the enemy: Division, distraction, and discouragement.

The thief comes only to kill, steal, and destroy; I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 (NIV, 1984)

"Life is a matter of degrees. All have life. Some have life, but it flickers like a dying candle. Others are full of life and it is bright, defiant, and full of great joy and power."

Charles Spurgeon

Defiance: Proud and determined opposition against an enemy.

Members of God's family receive His inheritance.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ...

Ephesians 1:4-5a (NIV, 1984)

Repent of sin and submit to Jesus as Lord to inherit the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38 (NIV, 1984)

The presence and power of the Holy Spirit gives us an inheritance of joy.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV, 1984)

We experience God's love and joy through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 16:11 (NIV, 1984)

Joy emanates out of our trust in God's fierce love for us.

Through our trust in God's love for us we overflow with the joy of our salvation.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalms 51:10-12 (NIV, 1984)

The Holy Spirit gives us a defiant joy.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

I have received an inheritance of joy and, through Christ, my life will leave a legacy of joy that defies the ways of the world.

DEFIANT JOY

W E E K O N E

JOYFUL INHERITANCE

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MY NOTES:



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

Does it ever feel like the world is fighting against you? Does it feel like the world is out to keep you down? Scripture tells us that there is an enemy who wants us to settle for a life less than the life that Jesus offers.

We serve a God who offers something better. He offers a life beyond measure. Not just in eternity but here on earth as well because of His love for us.

Because of His love for us, we can receive a power that is not our own; it is a power from the Holy Spirit that stands up in the face of a world that can and will beat us down. It is a power that brings joy regardless of circumstance, joy in the face of the lies of the world, and a defiant joy that is an inheritance for all those who call upon the name of Jesus, submit to Him as Lord, and receive Him as Savior.

Let's stand with a defiant joy and let the power of the Holy Spirit work in and through us to leave a lasting legacy.

TALK-IT-OVER:

What things in this world bring you the most joy? What things can get you down?

Where have you experienced God helping you find joy in difficult circumstances?

What would a life marked with joy look like in your mind?

What is a next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Mark 1:4-8

Day 2) Ephesians 1:12-14

Day 3) Galatians 5:16-26

Day 4) John 14:25-27

Day 5) 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Day 6) 1 Peter 1:3-9