



The Good News that Brings Us Joy – Colossians 1:11-14

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1. When you think of the word “joy,” what’s the first image, memory, or example that comes to mind for you?
2. What’s the difference between something that makes you “happy for a moment” and something that gives you a “joy that lasts”?

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3. Paul says God strengthens us for “endurance and patience with joy” (v. 11). How do you think that joy gives us more endurance? How do you think joy gives us more patience?
4. In verse 12, Paul links joy to giving thanks for our inheritance in Christ. How does gratitude deepen and sustain our joy?
5. We learned that God uses His Word, His Spirit, and His people to give us joy. How do you see those three working together in Colossians 1:9-14?
6. Paul reminds us that in Christ we have redemption and forgiveness (v.14). How does this truth anchor our joy when life feels difficult or discouraging?

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7. What’s one area of your life right now where you need to lean on God’s strength for endurance, patience, and joy?
8. How can you practice gratitude this week in a way that helps you remember the joy of being redeemed and forgiven in Christ?