



## God's Plan of Salvation

**Hear** Romans 10:17

**Believe** Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

**Repent** Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

**Confess** Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

**Be Baptized** Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

**Remain Faithful** Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

### Come join us!

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Radio Programs on KMBQ 99.7

"Searching the Scriptures"

Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

### Meeting Times

#### Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

#### Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

### Office Hours

Call or check website

## Schedule of Events

Outdoor meeting/VBS June 10th-15th

## Wisdom for Today

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalms 5:11 (KJV)

## Think on These Things

### Philippians 4:8

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Hebrews 11:24-26 (KJV)

## Our Family News

**Pray for /** Abby St. Claire, Paul and Alice Stone, Emily Hatley, Ethan McClure, George, Joy, and Joe, Beverly and family, pray for the church family

## Today's Scripture

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (KJV)

**AM Sermon /** Tom Betti

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**"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1**

## **Should Christians be Happy?**

**By Bill Beebe**

Many Christians today are unhappy. We see signs of it everywhere. From the way we talk about the assembly of the Saints on Sunday to what we think about our salvation. How many times have you heard or even said yourselves "We have to go to church." And it is said with all sincerity. Or how often have you heard an older member of the congregation state when asked if he will be saved, "Well I don't know for sure, but I hope so." And the congregation is one without much joy or happiness to be seen or heard.

This morning, Tom is bringing a lesson concerning happiness and the Christian. It is clear that the first century Christians were a joyous people. Paul made this obvious with both his words and actions. On one occasion, we find Paul and Silas beaten and cast into the inner prison where escape is nearly impossible. But they are singing and praying. Clearly the signs of two men rejoicing. It is not the actions that many of us would demonstrate in similar circumstances. [Acts 16:20-25 \(KJV\)](#). But their joy was based on things that Jesus preached in the Sermon on the Mountain for them and us. [Matthew 5:12 \(KJV\)](#) "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Paul also wrote about their salvation making some strong statements. [1 Corinthians 15:17-21 \(KJV\)](#) " And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead." And John gave us even more to rejoice about. In [1 John 1:3-4 \(KJV\)](#) he writes "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship

**with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."**

The Holy Spirit directed the men who wrote what became the New Testament to mention "joy" 63 times in 60 sections. He had them write "happy" 6 times in 6 sections. He also directed them to write "enjoy" 3 times in 3 sections and rejoice 45 times in 41 sections. From these, it is clear that God intended for us to be a happy people.

While not specifically mentioning joy or happiness, John the Baptist told us something that should bring the ultimate joy to Christians. Read with me his statement about Jesus recorded by the Apostle John in [John 1:29 \(KJV\)](#) "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." When Jesus took away our sins, offering Himself for us, He gave us salvation. And on the day of judgment we can rejoice, hearing our judgment as recorded in [Matthew 25:34 \(KJV\)](#) "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

The two things that Satan uses to take away our joy is worry and tribulations. These two things cause Christians to begin to lose our joy and eventually, if not dealt with, our salvation. We need to be joyous people, and a people who are certain of our salvation.

