

Jn 15:11 Be of Good Cheer

Intro: Into this passages of scripture. Jesus is going to the Garden, he is speaking to his disciples as he walks. I'm thinking in my mind they have entered the garden and the grape vines are around them and he looks at one and maybe touches it with his hand and holds it out with the branch. Then he gives us Chap. 15... **We see Abiding in Christ v1-8, The affections in Christ v9-17, Animosity toward Christ v18-27**

I trust all of us are living life to the fullest. Enjoying our walk with the Lord, and excited about our relationships with family and friends.

But I find not as much in our Church as in other Churches a lack of joy. A lack of overflowing heartfelt joy, A lack of Sweet fellowship, a lack of love and loyalty that produces a joy of security and peace deep in our souls. Many church and Christians today are characterized by unconcern, unbelief, Indifference Jealousy, bitterness, murmuring.

We come together :Our Worship is not a love worship but a labor , Our tithes is not with Thanksgiving but with regret. Our singing is not a song of joy but just a song of words.

Our services should be a Celebration service . We come into church like we are Mourning a Defeat –rather than Celebrating a Victory. We preach the Gospel as bad news and not good news.

I want to be your Cheerleader tonight. I want to lead you to praise our wonderful might Lord.

Be of Good Cheer

The Good Cheer of Salvation /Forgiveness *Matthew 9:2 (KJV) And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.*

Acts 13:38 (KJV)

³⁸ *Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:*

Colossians 1:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

The Good Cheer of the Saviour/Presence *Mark 6:50 (KJV) For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.*

His Abiding Presents **Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)**

⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Hard times, Hurtful times.

Ill. I've read of the Scotchman that had troubled praying to God. His Pastor told him to take a chair a chair and put it in front of him and image Jesus was there. The Old Scotchman many years later became ill and the pastor went to see him and he had a chair up against the bed on the other side. No one could walk around to it, the path was blocked to it. The Scotchman told the pastor of what he had instructed him

years ago and he had practice it. Later as time went the Old Scotchman Daughter came by and told him Dad died last night. We found him with his head in the Chair.

I've felt his Presence in the Prayer Closet and would be afraid to open my eyes. I've felt his comforting touch that I thought he was beside me. I could not see him. But I knew he was presence. I've been in the room of a dying saint and know he was there.

I want to say HE Walks with me and Talks with me...

Ill. The first time I got into the Holy place in pray. Mt. Nebo Baptist church in the basement praying before preaching that night.

The Good Cheer of Success/ Victory *John 16:33 (KJV) These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

He is saying I've been successful. Celebrate: **A Triumph – not a Tragedy**
A Victory – not a Defeat
A Feast – not a Funeral

He over came Satan, The World, The Flesh

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Revelation 3:21 (KJV)

²¹ *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne*