



**Loving Our Neighbors**  
**Love the Way Jesus Taught It**  
**The Joy of Love**

**John 13:1** - *Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

**John 16:22** - *"...your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."*

3 reasons we can have joy because of our loving Savior's provision

**I. The Joy of Answered Prayer**

A. Because of your unfettered access to the Father

**Ephesians 2:18** - *for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.*

**Ephesians 3:12** - *in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.*

**1 Peter 2:9** - *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

**Hebrews 4:14-16** - *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (cf. Hebrews 10:19-22).*

B. Because of the potential trajectory of your prayers

**John 16:23** - *In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.*

C. The power of efficacy of the name of Jesus

**II. The Joy of Understandable Truth**

A. The indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit changes our relationship to the truth

**1 John 2:20, 27** - *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know...As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.*

B. Note the Trinitarian emphasis in this passage's discussion of truth

**John 15:26-27** - *When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.*

**Psalms 119:70-72** - *...I delight in Your law. It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.*

**III. The Joy of Comforting Peace**

**John 16:33** - *These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.*

“Answered prayer, based on the finished work of Jesus Christ and springing from an obedient life (John 15:10-11), is a powerful force in turning sorrow into joy.” John MacArthur, Commentary on John, p. 219.