

“God Made You for a Reason ”

Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you’, says the Lord.”

Romans 12:1-8 - ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Sermon Outline

- I. God Made Us for His Glory and for Our Joy
- II. God is Serious About our Joy—the Holy Spirit
- III. The Gifts of the Spirit– His Presence to Love

Numbers 14:21 — *But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord,*

Isaiah 43:7 — *everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”*

Jeremiah 29:11 — *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

John 16:7-8 — *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

Acts 1:8 — *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Ephesians 5:18 — *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,*

Galatians 5:22-23 — *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Discussion Questions

1. Why would God want the world “filled with His glory”? What does that even mean?
2. Why would God want us to know that He has “plans for our welfare”?
3. What kind of “future and hope” does God have for His people?
4. How does the Holy Spirit fit into God’s “plans” for our lives?
5. Have you considered how the Holy Spirit has gifted you? What gift(s) has He given you? Are you using them? If so, how?

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1 Corinthians 12:4-6— Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

Romans 12:6-8— We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:1-2— I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Luke 11:11-13— What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Acts 5:32— And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Galatians 3:2— Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

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