

Enjoying the Wonderful Presence of God

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The Word tells us in Psalm 16:11, "In thy presence is fullness of joy."

The Word also tells us that Jesus was anointed with the oil of gladness more than his brethren.

"Thou hast loved righteousness and hast hated lawlessness; therefore God, thy God, has **anointed thee with oil of gladness** above thy companions." Hebrew 1:9

Jesus was walking in the presence of God and that was the secret of his great Joy. It also was the secret to his ministry of healing and deliverance—a ministry that the Church of the living God has been called to continue in the earth.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:12-14

On the day of Pentecost the joy and the presence of God came upon the hundred and twenty disciple that had gathered to pray and seek God, based on the prophetic word that the Lord Jesus had given them. Jesus had told them: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8) The presence of God is the key to evangelism.

Then when the Holy Spirit was poured out in Acts 2 there was great joy among all those that received Him.

We see this in the Word of God, and we can also see it in our own lives if we ever have had the privilege of being fill with the Spirit, or have seen others be filled with the Holy Spirit.

I have seen it over and over again in our ministry, how the people have been filled with the Spirit of God and have rejoiced and laughed sometimes for days. This supernatural Joy of the Lord is a sure sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Because of our faith in the blood of Jesus the Lamb of God, we can now come boldly into the presence of God, rejoicing in His presence with joy unspeakable and be filled with Glory enjoying the wonderful presence of God. Amen!

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