

John 236 “Conditional Love?” John 15:10-11

Jesus has indicated that the Father loves Him and He respects and loves the Father.

So, we can love the Father as our primary motivation in life and produce divine good and we can love the Son by being occupied with Him as our number one priority solution to our problems.

Jesus said: ‘As the Father loves Me, so I love you’ and we follow Jesus by loving His Father’s creation especially those who are saved just like He does. A believer’s attitude toward the Word of God determines whether he keeps or guards the Lord Jesus Christ’s commands.

The humanity of Jesus Christ had unshakeable inner happiness all the time He was on earth due to His constant inhale of biblical truth followed by His exhale of confidence in God the Father and His plan which carried Him through life.

John 15:11 teaches us that the Words of Jesus Christ are our only source of true and lasting joy and if we place anything before the Lord our God, it will undoubtedly make us miserable.

The Word of God in our souls is graciously, consistently converted to real joy or inner happiness in us.

John’s use of the passive voice here tells us that we receive this joy because we don’t deserve it nor could we work for it.

Inner happiness or joy for a believer in Jesus Christ is potential, depending upon the filling of the Holy Spirit and the inhale of biblical truth.

Just because we’re saved doesn’t mean we’re contented and happy.

The potential for us to share in our Lord’s joy begins at the Cross and there is no instant or guaranteed happiness in the Christian life apart from our development of the capacity to experience it.

Human happiness is unstable because it depends on the details and circumstances of this life.

The only way we will ever enjoy life, our family, other people, our job or our social life is through biblical truth producing God’s happiness in us!

None of us want to lose rewards set aside for us in Heaven or do we?