

## **Pastor's Weekly Devotional- January 8, 2015**

### **"A Joyous Life**

We have just finished celebrating the joyous Christmas Season. But what happens now that we are back into the routines of life? Let's be honest; we will return to our old cantankerous selves, dressed in the rags of anxiety, fear and despair.

On the other hand, God wants us to live a glorious "Joy-Driven Life." The Bible is filled with commands to "rejoice in the Lord always"; "the joy of the Lord is our strength"; "shout for joy to the Lord all the earth!" But "how can we be joyful," we ask, "when everything is falling apart; when today's experts offer a sober assessment of our current situation, and in their euphoric moments can only say for us to remain cautiously optimistic?"

What's the solution? The Gospel Tone is totally foreign to this. The angel announced to a dark, shivering, hopeless, helpless world: "Don't be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy...for all people."

How comforting! How encouraging! Let's believe the message of the angel and begin to live a joyous life. Let Joy be paramount in your spirit and Grief be superficial. Let the pains of Life be a momentary interlude and let your joy be the pulsation of your soul.

Here's a wonderful promise from God's Word: "Weeping may endure for a night but Joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!  
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