

Helpers of your joy- Sis. Anne (18.11.12am)

2 Cor. 1:24

Helpers of your joy- as we have come and gone through the chapel doors for church, funerals, school meetings, etc, have passed underneath this scripture (this is written above the doors as you come into the chapel). Individually we each stand by faith and as we go about our work each week, that is what we should be encouraged to do- help others in the joy of the kingdom of God.

God has put us together in this family and we are not sure how this scripture came about, being hung above the doors, but as different as each of us our, be encouraged to help. The love of God, abiding in me and you, confidence in our Lord, united in the life that God has given us. By faith we unite.

1 Pet. 5:1-3

Your soul belongs to God- his heritage.

1 Cor. 9:16, 17

Our pastor has shared the gospel willingly, even though it has not been easy. Week in and out, he has preached, not of himself. It is far better to know that your soul is saved rather than having money.

JOY

We come together to sing, an opportunity to express our love to God. When we come into his presence, we can encourage one another.

Ps. 5:11

Joy is spontaneous- even though all around might be chaos, rejoice in the Lord. He is the one that gives you the ability to rise above what is happening.

Hab. 3:18

Make that choice today, tomorrow, next week, to rejoice in the God of my salvation. I belong to him- even if everyone else is sick and tired of you, you belong to him. The joy of the Lord gives you strength.

Neh. 3:10

The joy of the Lord is YOUR strength- this can not be taken away from you, even if you are beaten, starved to death, the joy of the Lord is YOURS.

Esther 8:16

God can only give this to you.

Joy brings restoration- Ps. 51:12. We only need to ask and it will be given.

Ecc 2:26

Joy is God given.

1 Pet. 4:13

1 John 3:4

2 Cor. 1:24

When Paul spoke of his ministers and co-workers, they were helpers to him.

Phil. 2:20-25

How comforting for Paul to have these brothers and sisters labour with him. The definition of helper is companions in labour, labouring for God. Although we have different jobs all about the country, we are working together, caring, labouring, wanting for you to be helped to be confident in Christ, hoping and wanting great things in God for you.

Phil. 1:27

Faith is the essential ingredient that binds us together.

PURPOSE & DIRECTION

To be a helper, that in itself gives us purpose and direction.

Phil. 4:1-4

Rejoice, be encouraged. Be encouraged to be a co-labourer, a helper, to each soul in the congregation, in our family or those in our chook pens. Think- I must contribute to my brothers and sisters lives, help them follow after the way that God has called them to be.

1 Cor. 1:1-6

God owns it all, not us- at times we take it all upon ourselves, but remember it belongs to God. He has put brothers and sisters around us to help us carry the load so that we don't have to bear it all. Make a contribution to the lives of others- I need you and you need me.

We are not lone rangers, we need each other to be workers in Christ. Together we can contribute to great things. Stir up that gift that is within you.