

**"The Fruit of the Spirit—JOY: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy!"**

**Romans 12:9-16 May 19, 2015**

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Prayer Requests & Opening Prayer***

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**1. When have you seen others be "joyful in hope" and "patient in affliction"? When have you experienced these gifts from God in your own life?**

**2. In your experience, how have you seen churches "share with the Lord's people who are in need" and "practice hospitality"? How have you personally participated in loving others in these ways?**

**3. How have you blessed people who have persecuted you (v. 14)?**

**4. With whom are you rejoicing today who is rejoicing (v. 15)?**

**5. Scan through Paul's Letter to the Philippians. How often does Paul mention the words "rejoice" and "joy"?**

**6. Read Philippians 4:4, 7, 8-9, 11, 13. What do these verses teach us about finding real joy in life?**

**Closing Prayer:** God, teach us your joy which need have nothing to do with our circumstances. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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