

Questions

1. When do you find it easiest to be joyful? When is it most difficult to be joyful? Consider a recent time when you chose to be angry or impatient or discontent, instead of choosing to pursue joy? What could you have done different?
2. Babylon has a place in the Bible as picturing the world's hostility toward God and His people, and its corresponding love of power and pleasure. It's easy to see the spirit of Babylon throughout our world, but what are some ways that you struggle to guard against loving the world and things in the world (1 John 2:15)?
3. In what ways do you find it most difficult to live as a pilgrim? In other words, are there ways that you catch yourself clinging to this world or holding worldly structures as sacred?
4. What are some specific ways that you find joy in knowing that God will judge man's evil and remove evil from His creation?
5. Read Revelation 11:15. What does it mean to you that the kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ? How can this help you face some current struggle or temptation?

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GOOD NEWS *of* GREAT JOY

The Celebration of Good News

Revelation 19:1-7

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Main Idea

The Gospel is good news of great joy. It is worthy of our fullest joy, and yet we can easily struggle with a lack of joy. In the opening verses of Revelation 19, God's people are promised a coming joy that will be greater than any we have ever known. And that promise should produce present joy and future hope of greater joy.

The already-but-not-yet fullness of joy in the Christian life

We rejoice in the Lord today, but our joy can be interrupted by sin and suffering. Revelation 19 speaks of a boundless joy that will have no end.

God's people will rejoice greatly at God's final judgment of man's evil (19:1-4).

God's people will rejoice greatly at God's ultimate jubilee for His people (19:5-7).