

# **The Pursuit of Joy**

**Galatians 5:22-25**

# A Simple Quiz



**So, what is joy, where does it come from,  
and how can I get it?**

# **Five Potential Stimulants to Joy**

1. *Creation* (Psalm 92:4)
2. *Salvation* (Luke 15:10)
3. *Prayer* (John 16:24)
4. *Heaven* (Romans 5:1-2)
5. *People* (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)

# **Four Distinctive Categories of Joy**

1. *Circumstantial Joy* (Psalm 126:1-3; Philippians 2:1-2; 2 John 4)
2. *Artificial Joy* (Psalm 137:1-8)
3. *Volitional Joy* (Romans 12:15; Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16)
4. *Transcendent Joy* (Nehemiah 8:10; John 15:11; Galatians 5:22-23)

# **Five Characteristics of Transcendent Joy**

- 1. Its Value—Strength* (Nehemiah 8:10)
- 2. Its Source—Jesus Christ* (John 15:11)
- 3. Its Channel—the Holy Spirit* (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 4. Its Nature—Inexpressible* (1 Peter 1:8-9)
- 5. Its Duration—Forever* (John 16:22)

# **A Definition of Transcendent Joy**

**A Settled Satisfaction in the Sovereign Care of God**