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TITLE: TRIPLE JOY

TEXT: LUKE 10:17-24

INTRODUCTION: (1) THE WORD JOY IS USED IN
MY BIBLE 182 TIMES.

* SOME OF THE PLACES THAT THE WORD JOY IS
USED REALLY JUMP OUT TO US, LIKE PSALM
51:12 WHERE DAVID SAID: (QUOTE IT).

** THE PSALMIST SAID IN PSALM 119:111: I
HAVE INHERITED YOUR TESTIMONIES FOREVER,
FOR THEY ARE THE JOY OF MY HEART.

*** PROVERBS 21:15 SAYS: THE EXERCISE OF
JUSTICE IS JOY FOR THE RIGHTEOUS,
BUT IS TERROR TO THE WORKERS OF INIQUITY.

**** AND THEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WE HAVE SOME VERSES THAT USE JOY THAT REALLY JUMP OFF THE PAGE TO US, LIKE JOHN 15:11 WHERE JESUS SAID: (QUOTE IT)

(2) PAUL SAID IN ROMANS 14:17 - FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT EATING AND DRINKING, BUT RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

* PAUL WENT ON TO SAY IN ROMANS 15:13 - NOW MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, SO THAT YOU WILL ABOUND IN HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

** PAUL WAS INSPIRED TO TALK ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN GALATIANS 5:22 AND SAID: (QUOTE IT).

*** AND THEN IN I JOHN 1:4 JOHN SAID: (QUOTE IT).

(3) NOW JOY CERTAINLY IS AN IMPORTANT WORD IN THE BIBLE, AND ALL CHRISTIANS WANT IT, SO NORMALLY WHEN WE THINK OF JOY, WE ARE THINKING OF THE CHRISTIAN'S JOY AND HOW TO HAVE IT.

* HOWEVER, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT GOD'S JOY?

** HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF GOD'S JOY?

*** WELL, IN I CHRONICLES 16:27 DAVID SAID OF GOD: SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY ARE BEFORE HIM, STRENGTH AND JOY ARE IN HIS PLACE.

**** THEN IN ZEPHANIAH 3:17, THE PROPHET ZEPHANIAH DECLARED TO ISRAEL: **"THE** LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST, A VICTORIOUS WARRIOR. HE WILL EXULT OVER YOU WITH JOY, HE WILL BE QUIET IN HIS LOVE, HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.

(4) THEN IN JEREMIAH 32:41, JEREMIAH RECORDS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL: I WILL REJOICE OVER THEM TO DO THEM GOOD AND WILL FAITHFULLY PLANT THEM IN THIS LAND WITH ALL MY HEART AND WITH ALL MY SOUL.

* AND THEN ISAIAH TALKS ABOUT A FUTURE TIME, IN ISAIAH 62:5.

** AND THEN LASTLY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, IT SAYS IN LUKE 15:10 (QUOTE IT).

*** AND BELOVED, THE JOY HERE IS GOD'S JOY, THE JOY THAT FILLS HEAVEN WHEN A SINNER REPENTS AND GOD'S PURPOSE OF SAVING PEOPLE IS FULFILLED.

**** NOW WITH ALL OF THAT SAID ABOUT JOY AND GOD'S JOY, THINK ABOUT THIS. GOD'S JOY IS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH ALL OF HIS ATTRIBUTES LIKE HOLINESS, GRACE, MERCY, JUSTICE AND IMMUTABILITY, FUNCTION.

(5) IT IS TO SAY, IT IS THE ALL GLORIOUS DISPLAYING OF GOD'S ATTRIBUTES THAT BRING HIM GREAT JOY.

* GOD'S ATTRIBUTES ENSURE HIS ETERNAL JOY, BUT ALSO THAT OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF HIS ETERNAL HEAVEN FROM ANGELS TO PEOPLE HE HAS REDEEMED.

** REVELATION 21:4 TALKS ABOUT THE REDEEMED IN THE ETERNAL STATE AND SAYS: (QUOTE IT)

*** AND THE ABSENCE OF THESE THINGS BRINGS GREAT JOY TO THE REDEEMED.

**** AND THEN OUR LORD SAID FOR THOSE WHO ENTER HEAVEN ENTER INTO THE JOY OF THEIR MASTER IN MATTHEW 25:21.

- AND THEN JUDE GIVES THIS GREAT BLESSING IN JUDE V. 24 WHERE HE WAS INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT TO SAY: (QUOTE IT).

(6) SO THE JOY OF GOD IS AN ETERNAL ATTRIBUTE AND WILL BE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

* AND JOY IS A THEME OF OUR TEXT TODAY, INCLUDING JESUS CHRIST'S JOY, THE ONLY TEXT THAT PICTURES JESUS REJOICING DURING HIS LIFE ON EARTH.

** AND IN THIS PASSAGE, WE SEE THE 70 RETURN FROM THEIR MISSION TRIP JESUS SENT THEM OUT ON IN LUKE 10:1-16.

*** AND AS THEY RETURN, WE WILL SEE JOY 3 TIMES. NO. 1 THE JOY OF THE SEVENTY IN VV. 17-20; NO. 2 THE JOY OF THE TRINITY IN VV. 21&22; AND NO. 3 THE JOY OF THE DISCIPLES INCLUDING THE 12 BEYOND THE 70, VV. 23&24.

**** AND FROM THOSE 3 POINTS WE HAVE OUR TITLE FOR OUR TEXT TODAY, TRIPLE JOY.

(7) AND OUR FIRST POINT STARTS IN V. 17 WHERE WE'LL START TO SEE OUR FIRST TRUTH, THE JOY OF THE SEVENTY. LOOK AT V. 17 PLEASE.

I. THE JOY OF THE 70, (READ V. 17)

A. NOW HOW LONG IT TOOK THE 70 TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION AND AT WHICH PLACE THEY RETURNED TO JESUS TO REPORT TO HIM IS NOT GIVEN.

* BUT WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THEY RETURNED FROM THEIR MISSION TRIP WITH JOY AND EXPRESSED TO JESUS ELATION OVER THE FACT THAT EVEN THE DEMONS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO THEM IN THE LORD'S NAME.

** AND EVIDENTLY THE 70 HAD BEEN USED BY THEM TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION IN PREACHING AND HEALING.

*** AND YET WHAT SURPRISED THEM WAS HOW DEMONS WERE SUBJECT TO THEM IN JESUS' NAME, WHICH MOST LIKELY MEANS CASTING DEMONS OUT OF SUFFERING PEOPLE.

**** SO THEY RETURN FROM THEIR MISSION TRIP WITH JOY, WITH GLADNESS, THE GREEK WORD KHAR-AH WORD USED 59 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

1. AND THIS JOY SIGNIFIES HAPPINESS THAT IS BASED ON SPIRITUAL REALITIES, NOT HAPPENSTANCE OR CIRCUMSTANCE. JOY IS GOD CENTERED WHEREAS HAPPINESS IS SELF-CENTERED.

* JOY IS THE SENSE OF WELL-BEING THAT ABIDE DEEP DOWN IN THE HEART OF THE PERSON WHO KNOWS ALL IS WELL BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE LORD.

** AND IT'S NOT AN EXPERIENCE THAT COMES FROM EVERYTHING GOING THE WAY WE WANT IT TO GO, FROM FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, BUT IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR WALK WITH THE LORD, OUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM AND YIELDING TO HIS SPIRIT.

*** AND WHEN YOU OBEY THE LORD, THERE IS JOY, REGARDLESS OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR AS WE YIELD TO HIS SPIRIT, WE ARE YIELDING TO THE ONE WHOM EMPOWERS US TO OBEY AND YIELD TO GOD'S WILL OVER OUR WILL. AND THE 70 WERE OBEDIENT IN GOING OUT AND GOD GAVE THE GREAT JOY; AND EXCEEDED THEIR EXPECTATIONS IN EVEN GIVING THE POWER OVER WHICH NATURAL HUMAN POWER CANNOT CONTROL, POWER OVER SATAN'S DOMAIN.

**** AND POWER AND VICTORY OVER THAT DOMAIN IN THE SUBJECT OF V. 18. LOOK AT V. 18 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 18. NOW CONTEXT IS KEY IN INTERPRETING V. 18, FOR THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INTERPRETATIONS OF V. 18.

* ONE IS IT REFERS TO SATAN'S ORIGINAL FALL IN ISAIAH 14:12, BUT THAT FALL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CONTEXT OF LUKE 10.

** OTHERS COMMUNICATE THAT JESUS HAD IN MIND HIS VICTORY OVER SATAN IN HIS TEMPTATIONS.

*** OTHERS TO SATAN'S SUBJECTION TO JESUS BY VIRTUE OF HIS OWN MINISTRY OF CASTING OUT DEMONS.

**** ANOTHER INTERPRETATION IS THE CRUSHING OF SATAN'S HEAD AT THE CROSS.

1. AND A LAST QUICK ONE I'LL GIVE YOU IS, SATAN'S FUTURE SENTENCING IN THE LAKE OF FIRE IN REVELATION 20:10.

* HOWEVER, VERB TENSE AND CONTEXT UNLOCK THE MEANING HERE.

** FOR THE VERB TRANSLATED "I WAS WATCHING" IS IN THE IMPERFECT TENSE WHICH SUGGESTS A CONTINUAL PROCESS RATHER THAN A ONE TIME EVENT. LIKE I WAS WATCHING OVER AND OVER SATAN FALL FROM HEAVEN LIKE LIGHTNING.

*** AND THE IMAGERY OF LIGHTNING, WHICH REPEATEDLY FLASHES BRIGHTLY THEN IS GONE SUGGESTS SOMETHING REPEATEDLY HAPPENING.

**** THUS THE PICTURE HERE IS OF JESUS REJOICING AS HE OBSERVED SATAN'S KINGDOM BEING DESTROYED ONE RESCUED SOUL AT A TIME THROUGH THE 70'S MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM.

2. SATAN HAD A NOTABLE DEFEAT BY THE MINISTRY OF THE 70, THEY THROUGH THE POWER OF CHRIST PUT A DENT INTO HIS KINGDOM. THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL POWER AND AUTHORITY, LOOK AT V. 19 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 19. NOW IN THIS CONTEXT, THE 70 HAD BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY, THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE POWER IN THEIR MISSION AGAINST THE POWERS OF DARKNESS.

* AND THAT POWER THAT WAS GIVEN OVER SATAN AND DEMONS IS DEPICTED HERE AS OVER SERPENTS AND DEMONS.

** AND IT APPEARS JESUS IS USING THE METAPHORS OF SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS AS SYMBOLS OF GOD'S DIVINE PROTECTION AND FOR CRUSHING EVIL.

*** AND CONTEXTUALLY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SATAN AND HIS DEMONS, NOT PHYSICALLY HANDLING SNAKES AND SCORPIONS.

**** JESUS IS SPEAKING FIGURATIVELY IN THIS CONTEXT, SO THE REAL ISSUE HERE IS SPIRITUAL PROTECTION, NOT PHYSICAL DANGER FROM POISONOUS SNAKES, BUT SPIRITUAL DANGER FROM THAT OLD SNAKE, THE DEVIL, V. 17, DEMONS, V. 18, SATAN, V. 19 BOTH ARE TALKED ABOUT BY THE TERMS SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND V. 20 SPIRITS OR DEMONS.

1. SO IT APPEARS TO BE A REFERENCE TO DEMONS AND SATAN, THE SERPENT IN THE GARDEN. AND JESUS GAVE THE 70 POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER THEM, AND THEY ARE SECURE IN JESUS.

* NOW THAT WAS SOMETHING TO REJOICE IN, BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING EVEN GREATER TO HAVE JOY OVER. LOOK AT V. 20 PLEASE.

D. READ V. 20. NOW THE DISCIPLES HAD JOY OVER CHRIST GIVING THEM PROTECTION AND POWER OVER THE FORCES OF DARKNESS AND EVIL.

* YET THERE WAS SOMETHING EVEN GREATER TO REJOICE AND HAVE JOY OVER. AND WHAT WAS THAT?

** THAT THEIR NAMES WERE RECORDED IN HEAVEN, MOST LIKELY THAT THEIR NAMES WERE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE.

*** AND WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS THE ULTIMATE JOY, TO BE A GENUINE DISCIPLE, A GENUINE BELIEVER, THAT WE HAVE BEEN SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE, THE SUPREME JOY OF KNOWING THAT ARE SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

**** AND IS THERE ANY GREATER JOY? AND I USE THE WORD JOY HERE FOR THE WORD REJOICE USED IN V. 20 IS THE VERB FORM OF THE WORD JOY USED IN V. 17.

1. SO WHAT SHOULD THEY REJOICE IN? THAT THEY ARE REGISTERED AMONG THE SAVED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, THEIR NAMES ARE RECORDED IN HEAVEN.

* AND IT WAS NOT WRONG TO HAVE JOY OVER THE BLESSINGS OF THEIR MINISTRY AND THAT DEMONS WERE SUBJECT TO THEM, BUT THERE IS NO GREATER JOY THAN TO KNOW YOU ARE THE LORD'S BY HIS GRACE.

** THE BEST IS YET TO COME. A CAUSE FOR CONTINUOUS JOY. SO THE JOY OF THE 70 SHOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT, OUR FIRST POINT TODAY.

*** BUT MOVING ON WE START TO SEE THE JOY OF JESUS, THE JOY OF THE TRINITY IN V. 21. LOOK AT V. 21 PLEASE.

II. THE JOY OF THE TRINITY, (READ V. 21)

A. NOW AT THAT VERY TIME, AT THE TIME THE 70 REPORTED TO JESUS WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HE REJOICED GREATLY IN THE SPIRIT, THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH LEADS HIM TO PRAISE HIS FATHER WHO IS LORD OVER HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SUPREME AND ONLY GOD OF THE UNIVERSE.

* AND CLEARLY THE TRIUNE GOD, THE TRINITY, THE GODHEAD OF FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD, WHOM EXISTS ETERNALLY AS ONE GOD IN 3 PERSONS IS COMMUNICATED HERE.

** AND NOTICE SEVERAL THINGS, NO. 1 JESUS REJOICED GREATLY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. AND THE GREEK WORD FOR REJOICED HERE IS MORE INTENSE VERB THAN IN V. 20.

*** AND IT LIT. MEANS EXUBERANT ECSTASY, FOR COMPLETE EXULTATION OF THE FULLNESS OF JOY, TO OVERFLOW WITH JOY, ULTIMATE JOY.

**** AND THIS JOY CAME THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE WAS THE CAUSE AND ORIGINATOR OF THIS JOY, WHICH HE IS IN OUR LIVES AS BELIEVERS.

1. AND THIS JOY LED JESUS TO PRAISE HIS FATHER, TO THANK HIS FATHER WHO IS LORD, SOVEREIGN OVER ALL, THE SOVEREIGN RULER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

* NOW WHAT IS THE OCCASION OF THIS JOY? WHY WAS JESUS REJOICING?

** WELL, JESUS SAID TO HIS FATHER, BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIDDEN THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE, THE CONCEITED, THE PROUD AND REVEALED THEM TO BABES, LITTLE CHILDREN, THE HUMBLE, YES FATHER, FOR SUCH WAS YOUR GRACIOUS WILL, THIS WAS WELL

PLEASEING IN YOUR SIGHT.

*** THUS JESUS WAS REJOICING OVER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF HIS FATHER IN SALVATION, OVER THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION, OVER THE FACT THAT GOD REVEALS THE TRUTHS OF SALVATION ONLY TO HIS BELOVED CHILDREN.

**** THE FATHER HAD SOVEREIGNLY DETERMINED TO WHOM THOSE TRUTHS SHOULD BE REVEALED, AND FROM WHOM THEY SHOULD BE HIDDEN, AND WORKED OR OPERATED WITHIN THAT DETERMINATION TO REVEAL TO THE ELECT WHAT WAS OTHERWISE NOT DISCERNABLE THROUGH HUMAN INTELLIGENCE, WISDOM OR SMARTS.

2. BELOVED, JESUS REJOICED, HAD JOY THAT HIS FATHER HAD NOT DEvised A PLAN OF REDEMPTION AND SALVATION THAT ONLY SMART PEOPLE, THE INTELLIGENT COULD UNDERSTAND.

* BUT GOD HAS HIDDEN SPIRITUAL TRUTH SO THAT IT IS NOT DISCOVERABLE BY THE MOST ELEVATED HUMAN WISDOM APART FROM HIS SELF-REVELATION IN SCRIPTURE AND REGENERATING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MINDS.

** AND PLEASE UNDERSTAND, THE CONTRAST IS NOT BETWEEN BEING EDUCATED AND UNEDUCATED, BUT BETWEEN BEING ABLE AND UNABLE, BETWEEN INABILITY ON OUR OWN BECAUSE OF DEPRAVITY, OR ABILITY THROUGH REVEALING THROUGH THE QUICKENING POWER OF THE DEAD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*** SO JESUS REJOICES THAT HIS FATHER HAS REVEALED HIS GOSPEL TO BABES, TO INFANTS LIKE THE 70 AND THE PEOPLE THAT WERE CONVERTED ON THEIR RECENT MISSION TRIP.

**** THUS THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION THAT GOD SAVES ANY SINNERS IS A DOCTRINE OF JOY. IT IS A COMFORT OF THE SOUL. FOR NO ONE DESERVES TO BE SAVED AND GOD IN HIS JUSTICE GIVES MANY PEOPLE WHAT THEY DESERVE IN THEIR SIN, JUDGMENT, HELL, WHILE HE HAS MERCY ON OTHERS.

* AND JESUS HAD JOY, NOT ONLY IN HIS FATHER'S PLAN, BUT ALSO IN HIS ROLE IN THAT PLAN. LOOK AT V. 22 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 22. NOW IN THE SOVEREIGN PLAN OF THE GODHEAD, ALL THINGS, EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO JESUS BY HIS FATHER.

* FOR EXAMPLE, THE FATHER'S SOVEREIGN PURPOSE SET THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION INTO MOTION AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS SON ULTIMATE POWER TO BRING THAT PURPOSE TO PASS

THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

** AND IN KEEPING WITH THE FATHER'S SOVEREIGN PLAN, "NO ONE KNOWS WHO THE SON IS EXCEPT THE FATHER."

*** MEANING: NO ONE WOULD KNOW WHO THE SON IS IF THE FATHER HAD NOT CHOSEN TO REVEAL HIM BY SENDING HIM INTO THE WORLD.

**** ON THE OTHER HAND, CONVERSELY, NO ONE KNOWS "WHO THE FATHER IS EXCEPT THE SON."

1. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, ONLY JESUS CAN REVEAL THE FATHER, QUOTE JOHN 1:18.

* THEN JESUS SAID TO PHILIP IN JOHN 14:9, "HE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER; HOW CAN YOU SAY, SHOW US THE FATHER?"

** AND THEN IN I JOHN 5:20 IT SAYS: AND WE KNOW THAT THE SON OF GOD HAS COME, AND HAS GIVEN US UNDERSTANDING SO THAT WE MAY KNOW HIM WHO IS TRUE; AND WE ARE

IN HIM WHO IS TRUE, IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.
THIS IS THE TRUE GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE.

** AND THE POINT OF THESE VERSES IS, THE
WORK OF THE SON IS TO BRING US INTO RIGHT
RELATIONSHIP TO THE FATHER, AND JESUS
REJOICES THAT THIS IS SO. IT IS THROUGH
JESUS AND ONLY JESUS THAT PEOPLE COME TO
KNOW THE FATHER AS HE IS, JESUS REVEALS
THE FATHER.

*** BUT I RETURN TO THE TRUTH OF
SOVEREIGNTY IN SALVATION HERE IN THE LAST
PART OF V. 22, THE FATHER IS ONLY REVEALED,
TO WHOM THE SON WILLS TO REVEAL HIM - THE
FATHER.

*** AND THE WORDS "WILLS TO REVEAL HIM"
LIT. MEANS CHOOSES TO REVEAL. IT IS TO SAY,
SPIRITUAL TRUTH, KNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE
FATHER IS NOT DISCERNABLE THROUGH
UNAIDED HUMAN REASON.

**** THEREFORE IT IS THE WORK AND WILL OF THE SON, THROUGH THE REVELATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE KNOW THE LIVING GOD. AND IT IS THE WORK OF THE SON TO BRING US INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER, AND JESUS REJOICES, HAS EXUBERANT JOY THAT THIS IS SO.

2. AND THAT JOY LEADS US TO OUR FINAL JOY OF TODAY IN OUR TEXT, THE JOY OF THE DISCIPLES. LOOK AT V. 23 PLEASE.

III. THE JOY OF THE DISCIPLES, (READ V. 23)

A. NOW AT THIS POINT, JESUS TURNS TO HIS DISCIPLES PRIVATELY AND APPEARS TO START TO TALK TO THE 12 BEYOND THE 70. FOR JESUS IS SPEAKING TO THE 70 WHICH WERE HIS DISCIPLES, BUT THE DISCIPLES HERE IMPLY, THE 12, BEYOND THE 70.

* AND HE PRONOUNCES A BLESSING, A SPECIAL BEATITUDE UPON THEM. BLESSED, MARKARIOS, HOW HAPPY, WHAT JOY, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT YOU SEE, FOR YOUR BLINDNESS HAS BEEN TAKEN OFF!

** AND WHAT THE 12 AND THE 70 SAW WAS THE FATHER REVEALED AND JESUS REVEALED. THEY SAW SPIRITUALLY WHO JESUS AND THE FATHER WERE.

*** AND JUST HOW PRIVILEGED WERE THEY TO HAVE THE FATHER AND SON REVEALED TO THEM, WELL LOOK AT V. 24 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 24. NOW V. 24 TALKS ABOUT THE PRIVILEGE, THE HONOR, THE BLESSING AND JOY IT WAS TO SEE EVEN WHAT THE OLD TESTAMENT KINGS LIKE DAVID AND THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS COULD NOT SEE.

* WHICH WAS THE FULL REVELATION OF JESUS. AND THESE PROPHETS AND KINGS PROPHESED ABOUT HIM, BUT DID NOT SEE JESUS FULLY REVEALED, TO SEE HIS INCARNATION, TO SEE THE MYSTERIES REVEALED, TO SEE THE FULLNESS OF DEITY BODILY.

** BELOVED, THE 70, THE 12 AND US, HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND JOY OF UNDERSTANDING THE PROPHET'S WRITING BETTER THAN THE PROPHETS THEMSELVES UNDERSTOOD THEM.

*** SO THE 70 AND THE 12, AND ALL BELIEVERS SINCE JESUS HAS COME HAVE THE BEATITUDE OF PRIVILEGE, AND WHAT A JOY TO GO FROM SHADOW TO SUBSTANCE, FROM TYPE TO TRUTH, FROM PROPHECY TO FULFILLMENT.

**** THE JOY OF NEW TESTAMENT SAINTS IS, JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD HAS COME! WE SEE HIM REVEALED, NOT VEILED.

1. AND I THINK OF THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES AS THEY ARE WALKING WITH JESUS, BUT DIDN'T SEE WHO HE WAS, AS LUKE 24:27 SAYS: QUOTE IT.

* AND THEN IN V. 31, THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND V. 32 THEIR HEARTS WERE BURNING WITH THEM.

** WELL, TRUE DISCIPLE TODAY, OUR EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED, MAY THAT BRING US FULLNESS OF JOY!

IN QUICK APPLICATION AS I TRY TO PULL OUR TEXT TOGETHER TODAY, A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS: NO. 1 IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN HEAVEN? IT IS FOR ALL THAT HAVE COME AND WILL COME TO JESUS CHRIST IN REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

* DO YOU DESIRE TO KNOW HIM? IF YOU DO, HE IS DOING A WORK IN YOUR HEART, TO OPEN YOUR EYES. COME TO HIM TODAY, TURN TO HIM TODAY, TO BE SAVED. QUOTE JOHN 6:37 AND ROMANS 10:13.

** NO. 2 YOU THAT HAVE YOUR EYES OPEN, DO YOU HAVE THE FULLNESS OF JOY? BELIEVER WE ARE PRIVILEGED. WE SEE THINGS THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS DID NOT SEE.

*** AND OUR JOY COMES THROUGH OBEDIENCE, BY YIELDING TO THE SPIRIT AND WALKING IN THE SPIRIT WHICH PRODUCES THE FRUIT OF JOY.

**** WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED ABOVE MEASURE. MAY THERE BE FULL JOY AS WE SEE HOW BLESSED WE ARE AND AS WE OBEY THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP, PRAISE, AND OBEDIENCE.

(2) QUOTE I JOHN 1:4 AND GO OVER THE
ACROSTIC OF JOY. (LET'S PRAY)