

PROMISES *for* PILGRIMS

BLOOD-BOUGHT PROMISES FOR PILGRIMS,
ON THEIR WAY TO THE PROMISED LAND.

A Sermon Series On: The Farewell Discourse & Final Prayer of Jesus | John 14-17

A Promise of Invincible Joy | John 16:16-33

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As the disciples were about to enter a situation that would tempt them toward anguish and despair, Jesus spoke to them with promises of invincible joy, communion with God the Father, forgiveness of sin, and an all-surpassing peace.

- 1. The disciples were promised the experience of invincible joy in Christ.**
- 2. The disciples were promised ongoing communion with God the Father through Christ.**

3. The disciples were promised restoration and forgiveness because of Christ.

4. The disciples were promised all-surpassing peace from Christ.

Questions to Consider

1. Is there a particular season in your life that produced great sorrow and confusion in your heart? Where was God in that season? What were some of the questions you asked God in that season? What has He taught you as a result of that season?
2. Describe the experience of invincible joy from Christ, as if you were explaining it to an unbeliever or a young believer in Christ. What is its basis? What happens to that joy in seasons of suffering?
3. What is the significance of asking in the name of Jesus when we are praying to God the Father?
4. Is there a connection between our prayer lives and the experience of joy? If so, what is that connection? Have you seen that in personal experience – that humble prayer to God the Father increases the experience of joy in Christ?
5. In John 16:27, what's the connection between a believer's love for Jesus and faith in Jesus, and God's love for that believer?
6. Are there ways in which you find yourself like the disciples, assured of God's goodness and promises, and yet struggling to cling to those promises when tribulations occur? Where does our hope lie during those seasons?