

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: A Cause for Rejoicing

Passage: Luke 10:17-24 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Jesus instructs believers on how to rightly focus their rejoicing.

I. A believer's cause for rejoicing (10:17-20)

- The 72 witnesses return rejoicing because of the authority they had over demons in Jesus' name.
- Jesus confirmed that Satan's kingdom was indeed beginning to crumble at the gospel message.
- Jesus also informed these that nothing in this world would hinder His purpose for them. (Mark 16:17-18)
- But the real cause for rejoicing, according to Christ, is the believer's place in God's heavenly record.
- See also (Rom. 5:2, 3, 11)

II. Jesus' cause for Rejoicing (10:21-22)

- The motivation of the Holy Spirit caused the Man of Sorrows to rejoice.
- Jesus rejoiced in the sovereign ways and will of God the Father. (1 Cor. 1:18-2:5)
- Jesus rejoiced in the supreme authority and ministry given to the Son.

III. A disciple's greater blessing (10:23-24)

- It's normal to admire and celebrate the lives & ministries of men like Moses, David, Elijah, and Solomon.
- Jesus said that having seen and heard him was a far greater blessing than the kings and prophets experienced, and today we see them even more fully than those disciples.

IV. Reminders for the week:

- Don't let your rejoicing be limited only to the good things you experience and the successes you enjoy.
- Believers rejoice in the good and the bad of life because of whose we are and the blessed opportunities that He has afforded us!