**MAKING GOD HAPPY (2)** 2021-06-06

**LUKE 12:32(NLTSE)** So don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom

* *Recap:* last week we introduced the idea that most folks think that making God happy involves ***doing*** something for God, or sacrificing for God, whereas the scripture teaches that God is happy, when we ***receive*** from Him
* We discussed that God ***wants*** to give us the kingdom and this is what makes Him happy
* We discussed that God has only one way for us to receive what He wants for us. And that is through a life led by the Holy Spirit
* This week, we’ll remind ourselves of what the Kingdom of God is and further examine how the Holy Spirit helps us to receive what God wants for us
* ***So let’s keep this simple:*** God is happy when we receive His Kingdom. We can only receive from God, when our lives our led by the Holy Sprit

***What is the Kingdom of God?***

* The Kingdom of God is a system of values and principles and not the place called heaven:

**ROMANS 14:17(NLTSE)** For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness (righteousness NKJV) and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

* So we can re-phrase LUKE 12:32 like this: “it makes God happy to give us righteousness, it makes God happy to give us peace and it makes God happy to give us joy in the Holy Spirit”
* *Our struggle is not because God makes it difficult for us to get righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit but because we make it difficult for ourselves to receive what He wants to give us!*

***What if I can’t make God happy?***

**HEBREWS 11:6(NLTSE)** And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him

* The good news is that God has given us what we need to make Him happy:

**ROMANS 12:3(b)NLTSE** by the faith God has given us

* So God has given us the faith we need to make Him happy
* Let us never think that human effort can make God happy:

**ISAIAH 64:6(NLTSE)** We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display ***our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags***. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.

* But God always has good news:

**PSALM 103:12(NLTSE)** He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

**ISAIAH 1:18(NLTSE)** “Come now, let’s settle this,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

***How does the Holy Spirit help me?***

**JOHN 14:26**

**(KJV)** But the ***Comforter***, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you

**(NKJV)** But the ***Helper***, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you

**(MSG)** The ***Friend***, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you.

**(NLTSE)** But when the Father sends the ***Advocate*** as my representative, that is, the Holy Spirit, He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you

**ACTS 2:38(NLTSE)** Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. ***Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.***

* Let’s be reminded of this passage:

**GALATIANS 5:19-23(NLTSE)** 19 “When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”

* The Holy Spirit gives us the three aspects of the Kingdom of God: ***RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE JOY***

***RIGHTEOUSNESS***

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:21(NLTSE)** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ

***PEACE***

**JOHN 14:27(NLTSE)** I am leaving you with a gift, peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid

***JOY***

**NEHEMIAH 8:10(b)NLTSE)** Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

**CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Explain what you understand by these words: comforter, helper, friend, advocate
2. If these words are “titles” for the Holy Spirit, in what ways does He live up to these titles?
3. In what ways, could you be hindering the Holy Spirit, from bringing you righteousness, peace and joy? Pray for each other, regarding these hindrances.