

Date: April 2, 2017

Sermon Title: Experiencing God Through Love, Joy, And Peace

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): Galatians 5: 22-23

- 1) Do I feel hopeless because I do not have all nine of the fruits of the Spirit?
- 2) Why do I serve/obey God? Is it from fear or from love?
- 3) What does your perspective on worship look like? What is your motivation for worship-- Your love and admiration for the Lord or appearing godly to others?
- 4) Discuss how your attitude and life has changed as a result of expressing your delight in God.
- 5) What is your peace based on--the peace of Christ or worldly peace?
- 6) Richard described the opposite of peace as "the absence of comfort because of resisting God and His purposes for my life". What areas of your life can be characterized this way? What active steps can you take to know God's peace in those areas? What areas of your life do you know and experience His peace?
- 7) Richard used the analogy of violin strings to show how just the right amount of tension produces music. Apply this analogy to your own life. How does God use tension to produce His purposes and plans in and through you?