**RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY**

**Romans 14:17; John 14:27, 16:33**

**Introduction- As we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, we have a new spirit, a new heart, and receive His Holy Spirit. We are a new creation and live now in a new kingdom; the kingdom of God. We are being transformed by the Lord and the Spirit of the Lord [II Corinthians 3:17-18]. We come to understand and embrace a whole new culture called the “kingdom of God.” This kingdom is defined and expressed using three important words. We shall explore these words today.**

**Transition- These words are all supernatural works that come from Jesus. It is His righteousness, His peace, and His joy we receive. Let’s look at these three deposits together.**

**I. RIGHTEOUSNESS- right-standing before God because of placing our faith in the finished work of Jesus and living in divine order. That simple means we are discovering, believing, and doing things the way God designed them.**

 **A. Salvation- Work of the blood and the cross**

 **1. Gift of righteousness- It is His righteousness**

 **2. Robe of righteousness- It is His gift and how He clothes us**

 **B. Lordship- Walk of kingdom culture: being filled with Holy Spirit and bringing the spiritual into the natural**

**II. PEACE- state of rest that comes from being in right relationship with God [3 persons] through salvation and relationship with Jesus Christ.**

 **A. He gives us His peace, not our own**

 **B. We walk in peace as we walk in Him… this is how we handle radical emotions/circumstances**

**III. JOY- inner knowing and strength that comes from the secret place with Jesus. It produces confident assurance and can manifest quietly or in expressions of glee, merry rejoicing, cheerfulness, and spinning around in delight.**

 **A. Joy comes from Jesus Himself- Psalm 45:7**

 **B. It is released in us as we meet Him in the secret place**

 **1. Psalm 91:1- the secret place and the shadow of the Almighty**

 **2. Psalm 27:5, 31:20, 32:7**

 **\*Illustration= Tent/Tabernacle of David [II Samuel 6:17; I Chronicles 15:1, 16:1-37]**

 **C. Joy in the “manifested presence” of God**

**All these are… in [the sphere of] the Holy Spirit and can be demonstrated/displayed in the natural realm.**

**1.) SUPERNATURAL= they come directly from God and are released to us by a growing relationship**

**2.) STRONG SUPPORT= they bear up in times of tribulation/trials**

**3.) SUSTAINING= they are eternal and never stop!**

**Conclusion- These three deposits by Jesus have changed me. I discovered that I am loving the Lamb and remembering what He has done, but; I am living for the Lion and the King in these last days. There are many resistances and battles as we go forward. We must possess and walk in His righteousness, His peace, and His joy to overcome and be fruitful. Get in the secret place every day and dwell there. “The Lion has roared! Who will not fear. The Lord God has spoken. Who can but prophesy?” The King is coming. This is the day of walking strongly in Godly confidence. Let us welcome Him with much fruit and many victories!**