

PEACE & JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST
Your Peace, Your Joy & Your Mind

- I. **Anything that affects your faith will affect your peace and joy-Rm15:13-Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope**
- A. Strong faith yields peace and joy-If faith is low peace and joy are too-1Pt1:8-Believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory-Jn14:1-Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God-Is26:3,Mk4:40,1Th4:13,Mt6:30
- II. **Nothing affects faith more than what you feed on, listen to, think about and because this affects your faith it affects your peace and joy**
- A. What he chose to consider made him strong in faith and in peace and joy -Rm4:18-Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. ¹⁹And being not weak in faith, he **considered not** (fix one's eyes/mind upon, consider with continued attention, meditate on) his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: ²⁰He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God-ER-He grew stronger in his faith and just praised God-TL-His faith and trust grew ever stronger, and he praised God for this blessing even before it happened-MS-He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he said
1. Clinging to So shall thy seed be-Not considering bodies-Gn15:5-Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be-Gn13:16-I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth...if a man can number the dust of the earth then shall thy seed also be numbered-Gn22:17-I will multiply thy seed...as the sand which is upon the sea shore
- B. If faith is going to be strong and you're going to walk in peace and joy there are some things you cannot allow yourself to consider-Mt14:29-Come...When Peter was come down out of the ship he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw (look at, gaze at, turn eyes to) the wind boisterous he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried saying Lord save me.³¹Immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him and said unto him O thou of little faith wherefore didst thou doubt
1. Feeding on the wrong thing has immediate effect on your faith, your peace, your joy-His faith it got weak when he fed on the wrong thing
- III. **To walk in peace and joy we must properly steward our thought lives-Rm8:6-For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace**
- A. A lack of peace and joy is the result of mishandled thought life-Lam3:18-My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord: ¹⁹Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. ²⁰My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled (depression of mind) in me. ²¹This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. ²²It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. ²⁴The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him
- B. Your mind is your mind and you can think on what you choose to think on-Ph4:8-Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things
- C. Control your thought life with your mouth-Learn how to meditate-Js1:8-This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein...