

## Summer of Love Series – Part 11 – Love Rejoices With The Truth

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**Scriptures** - *All scriptures referenced are in NIV translation unless otherwise stated.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. *Love does not delight in evil **but rejoices with the truth.***

Acts 9:1-9, Acts 9:20-22, John 14:6, John 8:31-32, Matthew 5:14-16 The Message.

### Topic Review

***We rejoice in the truth. We rejoice with the truth.***

Would you say that you like to know the truth and you cannot stand when someone lies to you? Most of us would say, even when it is easy or hard to hear, we prefer the truth over a lie. There is something about knowing what really happened or what the true reality is that we have in front of us.

The truth that was revealed to Paul and that he then instructed others to rejoice in is this. Rejoice in the truth that Jesus is who he said he is and that he rose from the grave to make us all right with God. It goes back to what we learned in the very beginning of this series when others asked Jesus what the most important laws or things that we should do are...

And he tells them to love the God your lord with everything. To rejoice in this truth is to love God with all of your heart.

So, when we discover a truth, we should rejoice about it. We should celebrate often about who God is and what he has done in our lives. Now that doesn't mean everything is going to be perfect and that we are going to constantly be in a state of overwhelming joy...But it does mean that no matter what we go through, because of the truth of Jesus we do have something to rejoice in and out of that we align our focus back on God. But not only do we just experience this truth and rejoice about it in our own lives, there is more to it than that. We also choose to...



We rejoice with the truth. We use it to show others the truth in love. We use it to speak truth to others. We choose not to keep this truth just to us.

**“This truth is not supposed to be kept to ourselves, it’s meant to be shared”.**

Jesus didn’t just come to help SOME people, Jesus came to save ALL people.

Truths:

- God loves you and you matter to him. -John 3:16
- Nothing can separate you from the love of God. -Romans 8:38-39
- God is for you. -Romans 8:31
- God forgives you. -Ephesians 1:7
- Jesus died for you. -Romans 5:8
- You have an eternity in heaven. -John 3:14-15
- Jesus came to give you a better life. John 10:10
- God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7
- God provides the refuge and shelter your soul seeks. Psalm 91:4
- You are heard by God. 1 John 5:14

### **Experience Today’s Message**

1. So which one of these truths do you need to hear today?
2. Which one of these truths do you need to have in your life and which one of these truths do you need to share with your life?
3. How can you not only hear the truth this week, but rejoice in it?