“Restore unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation”
Psalm 51:12

Introduction:
A. David lost the joy of salvation in the Bathsheba affair.
B. David prays for forgiveness and the restoration of joy (vv. 1-12)
C. David’s plea has two words worthy of special meditation.

Discussion:
I. “Joy”
A. The word “gospel” suggests joy (cf. “Glad tidings” in Lk. 2:10; Acts 13:32; Good Spell)
B. The gospel teaches joy.
   1. Part of the kingdom’s nature (Rom. 14:17)
   2. Fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22)
   3. Command of God (Phil. 4:4; cf. 1 Jno. 5:3)
C. The gospel produces joy.
   1. Pentecostians gladly received the word (Acts 2:41)
   2. Ethiopian and jailer rejoiced after baptism (Acts 8:36-39; 16:30-34)
   3. Paul rejoiced in his duty to God (Acts 20:24)
   4. Disciples rejoiced in suffering for Christ (Acts 5:41, 42; cf. Mt. 5:11,12)
   5. John rejoiced in the salvation and faithfulness of others (3 John 3,4)
D. The gospel needs joy to be effective.
   1. Could the gospel have spread so rapidly without joy? (cf. v. 13; Acts 5:41, 42)
   2. Could the necessary funds be raised without joy? (2 Cor. 8:2; 9:6; Heb. 10:34)

II. “Restore”
A. Suggests that the joy of salvation can be lost.
   1. Can cease to delight in spiritual things (cf. Psa. 1:1,2; Rev. 2:4)
   2. Can cease to find pleasure in service to God.
      a. Becomes a burden (cf. Mal. 1:13)
      b. Begin to mummer (1 Cor. 10:10)
      c. Would think gospel was “bad news”
B. Suggest that the lost joy can be restored.
   1. If you lost your salvation be converted. (Jas. 5:20, 21)
   2. If you have lost the joy of your salvation overcome with the help of God’s word.
      a. Because of weariness (Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13)
      b. Because of the fear of failure (1 Cor. 3:6).
      c. Because on insecurity (2 Pet. 1:10; Jude 24; 1 Cor. 10:13)
      d. Because of worrying (Matt. 6:31-34)
      e. Because of unpleasant thoughts (Phil. 4:8)
      f. Because of guilt (1 John 1:7-2:1)
   3. Not all joy is faith based - so lack of it may not always be a lack of faith, but physically based..

Conclusion:
A. If you have never experienced the joy of salvation – B. R. C. B. (Acts 2:38; Mk 16:16; Rom. 10:10)
B. If you have lost the joy of your salvation, repent.