

KEEPING YOUR JOY IN SPITE OF PEOPLE

I. Joy is the fruit of walking in love

A. **John 15:9-13**

B. **1 John 4:7, 8** If not walking in love you don't know God

II. Walking in love involves forbearing and forgiving

A. **Col. 3:13**

B. Things we **do not forbear** or put up with:

- willful/repetitive sin; scoffers/slanderers/strivers; divisive or heretics; teaching false/bad doctrine; what God hates

C. Things **we do forbear** or put up with:

- preferences; differing convictions on areas we are free to choose; weaknesses; immaturity; offenses (you can just forgive); blunders or faults; unbelievers & those that oppose themselves; compromisers