

III. ACTIVATE YOUR "LOVE"

1. DEFINING "LOVE"...

a. Paul gives the best definition of love - **1Co 13:4-8a**

2. IMPORTANCE OF "LOVE"...

a. Expressing love gives us "assurance" of our salvation - cf. **1Jn 3:14,18-19**

3. ACTIVATING YOUR "LOVE"...

a. Like the Thessalonians, we can be taught by God how to love - cf. **1Th 4:9**

IV. ENHANCE YOUR "JOY"

1. DEFINING "JOY"...

a. The Greek word for joy is (CHARA) and is closely related to the word for grace (CHARIS).

2. IMPORTANCE OF "JOY"...

a. Joy is an essential element of what constitutes the Kingdom of God - **Ro 14:17**

3. ENHANCING YOUR "JOY"...

a. Both Jesus and His apostles gave us words whereby our joy might be full - **Jn 15:11; 1Jn 1:4**

V. ENJOY YOUR "PEACE"

1. DEFINING "PEACE"...

a. VINE'S describes peace as "**harmonious relations**"

2. IMPORTANCE OF "PEACE"...

a. Another crucial element constituting the Kingdom of God - **Ro 14:17-19**

3. ENJOYING YOUR "PEACE"...

a. Peace with God begins with justification found only in Christ - **Ro 5:1**

OVER

CONCLUSION

1. **Faith, hope, love, joy, peace:** simple words, yet so essential to the "abundant life" Jesus has to offer those who come to Him
2. Why are they often in short supply in the lives of many Christians?
3. Brethren, whenever you find yourself in a spiritual "slump", let these two avenues of communication with God be the keys to breaking out of your spiritual slump.
4. Restoring the basic elements of the abundant life found only in Christ is not a mystery:
 1. Receive the implanted Word of God! - **Jn 1:21**
 2. Continue earnestly in prayer! - **Col 4:2**

INVITATION