

# UNITE WITH GOD'S HAPPY PEOPLE

## *Note to the speaker:*

With warmth and conviction, help the audience to appreciate that genuine and enduring happiness is based on spirituality and the doing of God's will in association with the visible part of his organization

### **THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE TRULY HAPPY** (4 min.)

Genuine and enduring happiness is a possession of only those who loyally serve Jehovah, "the happy God" (1Ti 1:11)

Israelites experienced happiness when they served Jehovah (Ps 33:12)

Jesus' disciples were happy because their spiritual needs were satisfied (Mt 5:3)

Today, Jehovah's Witnesses are recognized as unique, united, happy

Happiness is assured for those who faithfully serve Jehovah

Nations are invited to 'be glad with God's people' (Ro 15:10)

God's happy people gladly help others to unite with them

On what is the happiness of Jehovah's people founded?

What benefits are enjoyed by those who become united with God's happy people?

Why should new ones become united with true worshippers?

### **DIVINE TEACHING UNITES US AS GOD'S PEOPLE, MAKING US HAPPY** (5 min.)

Jehovah is our Grand Instructor, and Jesus is our Teacher (Isa 30:20; Joh 13:13)

We are happy because we comply with God's Word (Lu 11:28)

By applying Bible truths, new ones are brought into unity with us

Unity and happiness exist among God's people everywhere because all of us receive spiritual food through "the faithful and discreet slave" (Mt 24:45-47)

Joyous unity of thought and action is ours despite differing backgrounds (Isa 2:3)

With their lives transformed by applying Bible truth, even former foes are now united as part of God's happy people (*w96* 3/1 28; *yb89* 42-3)

Bible literature distributed in well over 500 languages helps Jehovah's servants to think in agreement (2Co 13:11)

Global teaching program enables those "rightly disposed for everlasting life" to acquire wisdom that produces joy (Ac 13:48; Pr 3:13-18)

### **BENEFITS OF BECOMING UNITED WITH GOD'S HAPPY PEOPLE** (12 min.)

Relationship with God is enjoyed by all united as his people

Those doing Jehovah's will have his daily support (Ps 68:19)

Such can freely approach the "Hearer of prayer" (Ps 65:2)

They have unparalleled "peace of God" (Php 4:6, 7; *w80* 11/1 18)

Applying Bible teachings gives spiritual stability and helps us to maintain happiness

Brotherly love and its blessings are enjoyed by those united as God's happy people (Joh 13:35; Col 3:14; 1Pe 2:17)

They experience such love at meetings, assemblies, conventions

Love is also shown when fellow believers are in need locally and when disasters strike anywhere in the world

Hope of life eternal is set before those uniting with God's people

Jehovah made such life possible through the ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Mt 20:28; Ro 5:8; *w92* 6/15 4-7)

"Little flock" of anointed ones initially benefit from Jesus' sacrifice and become his Kingdom joint heirs (Lu 12:32; 1Jo 2:1, 2)

"Other sheep" also benefit from Jesus' sacrifice and rejoice in the hope of life on a paradise earth (Joh 10:16; Lu 23:43)

As spiritual values replace material ones, life takes on real meaning (Mt 6:33; Php 1:9, 10)

Jehovah's people put his interests first, as Christ did (Joh 6:38)

Like Jesus, they have a purposeful life, honoring Jehovah and bearing witness to the truth (Joh 18:37)

[Cite recent accounts published in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* that prove that the lives of those united as God's people are truly meaningful and happy]

### **WHY LOVERS OF GOD SHOULD BECOME UNITED WITH HIS PEOPLE** (5 min.)

Consider why lovers of God unite with his people (*w93* 5/15 9-10)

As Universal Sovereign, Jehovah deserves exclusive devotion (Ex 20:4, 5)

Deep concern over the vindication of Jehovah's sovereignty and the sanctification of his name supplies incentive to serve him

People can show love for God by becoming united with those doing his will and keeping his commandments (1Jo 5:3)

Gratitude for Jehovah's love in providing the ransom sacrifice of his Son is good reason to serve God with his people (Joh 3:16)

Appreciation for God's spiritual provisions through the 'faithful slave' should move us to worship Him

A strong desire to speak about God's Kingdom is another reason to serve Jehovah with his people (Ps 145:10, 11)

**UNITE WITH GOD'S HAPPY PEOPLE WITHOUT DELAY** (4 min.)

Zechariah's prophecy foretold that people would join with anointed Christians, or spiritual 'Jews' (Read Zechariah 8:23)

Many are now doing this by embracing the Kingdom message

If you are a lover of God and of righteousness, now is the time to become united with Jehovah's servants

Evidence of God's blessing on his people increases day by day as people of all nations become united with those serving him

A multinational "great crowd" that will survive "the great tribulation" is becoming part of the global family of Jehovah's joyful worshippers (Re 7:9, 10, 14; 21:1, 4, 5)

Will you be among those fully united with God's happy people?

Many blessings await you as one among the millions now unitedly serving Jehovah

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