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Rejoice!

George Whitten

The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God. Psalms 69:32

There is an important lesson here and in other places of God's Word, namely that humility and gladness go together. What do the humble and the joyous have in common? They both look up. The humble are those who don't look down on anyone. The truly humble look up all the time. They have to look up, because their eyes are on God, and He's above them. The joyous are always looking up as well, otherwise they wouldn't be rejoicing. The joyous are believing the Good News, so they rejoice! The prideful, however, are those who think they're above everything else and so they look down on people. The prideful are connected to the others who look down, the cynical, the doubting, the despairing, the depressed, the sorrowful and the hopeless. In the same way that the humble and the joyous go together, so do pride and despair. Humility leads to joy. Pride leads to despair. Let's get our eyes off ourselves, off of our problems, off of the world around us. Let's fix our eyes on Him, the Redeemer of our souls. Those who look up in humility, also look up in joy! Together, let's fix our eyes on Him and be glad!

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Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4

Rejoice, Rejoice In the Lord

by Deborah Ann Belka

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
be glad and shout out with joy.
For He promises to uplift you,
and your doubts He'll destroy.

For those who trust in the Lord,
are covered by His mercies.
All those who believe in Him,
shall conquer their adversities.

Rejoice all who love the Lord,
with delight offer Him your praise.
He will shield and protect you,
and your fears He will raise.

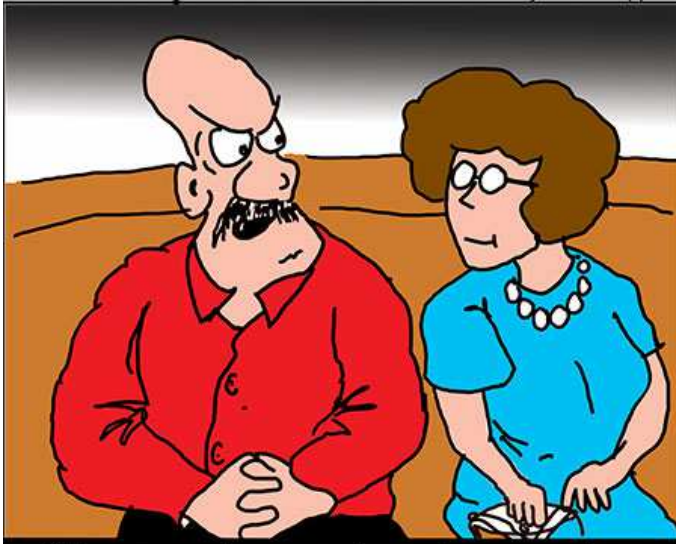
Stand up against the wicked one,
don't you believe in his lies.
All who affirm the work of the Lord,
will be blest with a heart that is wise.

Rejoice in His wonder and glory,
let His splendor embrace you.
Rejoice and be glad in the Lord,
and His love will encircle you too.

For those who rejoice in the Lord,
and give Him their praise each day.
Are the ones who always trust Him,
with His answers when they pray.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
again I say rejoice.

Always lift Him up in praise,
and let Him hear your voice.

**Church of the Covered Dish** by Thom Tapp

**"He preaches on love too much.
That makes me mad!"**

**Cousin Leroy**

Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in Leroy's neighborhood. They parked their truck at the end of the dirt road and walked up to Leroy's house. Leroy, standing in the kitchen looked out the window watching the two men as they checked his gas meter. Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger coworker to a foot race down the dirt road back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one. As they came running up to the truck, they realized that old Leroy was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked him what was wrong. Gasping for breath, he replied, "When I see two men from the gas company running as hard as you two guys were, I figured I'd better run too!"

The Crayons

The kindergarten class had settled down to its coloring books. Steve came up to the teacher's desk and said, "Miss Merc, I ain't got no crayons." "Steve," Miss Merc said, "you mean, "I don't have any crayons. You don't have any crayons. We don't have any crayons. They don't have any crayons. Do you see what I'm getting at?" "Not really," Steve said, "What happened to all them crayons?"

Family Recipe

A recent bride called her mother one evening in tears. "Oh, Mom, I tried to make Great Grandmother's meat loaf for dinner tonight, and it's just awful! I followed the recipe exactly, and I know I have the recipe right because it's the one you gave me that granny gave to you. But it just didn't come out right, and I'm so upset. I wanted this to be so special for George because he loves meat loaf. What could have gone wrong?" Her mother replied soothingly, "Well, dear, let's go through the recipe. You read it out loud and tell me exactly what you did at each step, and together we'll figure it out." "OK," the bride sniffled. "Well, it starts out, 'Take fifty cents worth of ground beef' ..."

Silence

During an attack of laryngitis the poor wife lost her voice completely for two days. To help her communicate with him, her husband devised a system of taps. One tap meant, "Give me a kiss," two taps meant "No," three taps meant "Yes," and 95 taps meant "Take out the garbage."

The Crying Baby

A woman brought her crying baby in to see the doctor, and he determined right away that the baby had an earache. He wrote a prescription for ear drops. In the directions he wrote, "Put two drops in right ear every four hours" and he abbreviated "right" as an R with a circle around it. Several days passed, and the woman returned with her baby, complaining that the baby still had an earache, and his little behind was getting really greasy with all those drops of oil. The doctor puzzled by what she was saying looked at the bottle of ear drops and sure enough, the pharmacist had typed the following instructions on the label: "Put two drops in R ear every four hours."



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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

THAT BLESSED HOPE!

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
Titus 2:13

It is told that when the great explorer Shackleton was on his quest for the South Pole, he was at one time driven back, and was compelled to leave some of his men on Elephant Island, though he promised that he would return for them. But when he endeavored to get back, he found a sea of ice between him and the island. What should he do? He had promised, and he must keep his word. He tried to reach them, but failed. He tried again and again, but without success. Beyond the ice were his trusting companions, who had every confidence in him. They had only a few supplies with them. At that time of the year it seemed folly to hope for any favorable change in the weather, and he was told that there was absolutely no hope of getting his little boat through the great ice barrier to Elephant Island. He could set idle. He must reach his men; so at the risk of losing his boat and the lives of his crew, he pushed in nearer to the island; and suddenly there came an opening in the ice. He hurried in, rescued his men, and in an hour was back again with all on board. Had they been delayed only a few minutes, their frail vessel would have been destroyed by the crashing of the ice as it closed in. When they were sure they were beyond danger and the nervous tension was over, Shackleton said to one of the rescued companions, "Well, you were packed and ready, weren't you?" "Yes sir!!" came back the reply, "we never lost hope. We believed you would come for us, even though circumstances were unfavorable. You had promised, and we expected you; so each morning we rolled up our sleeping bags and packed all our equipment, that we might be ready." And now they were all safe and homeward bound, happy that they had been prepared daily. Before Jesus departed from this old world church, He left us with a promise in John 14:1-4 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." And as He ascended into Heaven in Acts the first chapter the Bible records this promise again when the Angels proclaimed to all who stood there that day "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." I came to know the Lord when I was 5 years old...thats been some 45 years ago and I grew up hearing the old time saints say "Jesus is coming! It could be any moment now!!" And even though years have come and years have gone and it hasn't happened yet still I know within my soul that only means that we are that much nearer to His return! And should the Lord tarry for even more years who am I to say that he wont come after me before I get through typing this article? Whether we go by a hole in the sky or a hole in the ground just as surely as you are reading this each one of us sooner or later will indeed leave this old world. I believe with all of my heart that at any moment the trump of God could sound and Jesus Christ step out on the eastern clouds of Glory and call us all home! But until that happens we could all learn from the story above...be watching and READY for none of us know the day or the hour he may call us home!! What we do know is that HE is faithful that promised! I will close for now with the words written by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul regarding the coming of the LORD "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. **Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**" 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. Stay ready! Keep watching church HE may just come today!! Until next time, Pastor Billy R. Douglas

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
Matthew 24:44



Is Christ Divided? part 01

Evangelist Mike Heltsley

1st Corinthians 1:10 - Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Sadly, many who call themselves Christians see no problem with the situation the Apostle Paul condemned. They see no problem with speaking different things, having divisions, and having differences in mind and judgment. In fact, many seem to thrive on the strife and the confusion that results from division in the church. 1st Corinthians 1:11-13 - For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? Do you realize that most differences in what we know as Christianity stem from people following the doctrines and commandments of men, and those traditions that get handed down as gospel truth? In discussing a difference of understanding on a particular subject recently, a brother told me that I needed a good book on hermeneutics. After I looked the word up—it means “interpretive”—I realized that I already had a Good Book—the good ole 1611 KJV Bible, and it tells me in: 2nd Peter 1:16-20 - For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. Maybe we ought to concentrate a little harder on the KJV Bible and a little less on hermeneutics, a Western philosophy named after the Greek god Hermes. It might leave less open to private interpretation. 1st Corinthians 1:13-17 - Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; 15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. 16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. A division crops up right here because some of my friends following man-made religions quote this verse as proof that Paul was “not in the baptizing business”. Taken in context, Paul was saying that he was glad that folks didn’t follow him instead of Christ, as they might have done had he himself done all the baptizing personally. It wasn’t that baptism wasn’t occurring, it’s just that Paul left it to the other brethren to do it. 1st Corinthians 1:18-21 - For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. We see in our culture today a denial of Christianity. The liberal folks in our culture say that God is dead, Jesus is a myth, and that we are all just soul-less human animals. Man’s wisdom says that the universe started with a big bang, and man evolved from a group of chemicals that got struck by lightning. 1st Timothy 6:20-21 - O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. Acts 17:20-21 - For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) Hermeneutics is described as based upon science and logic. Yet these Greek based processes are the very things that Paul said we must not use. 1st Corinthians 1:22-25 - For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Division fades when we stick with God’s truth! 1st Corinthians 1:26 - For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: Why is that? The wise think that their knowledge will save them. The strong think that their strength will save them. The powerful and rich think that their power and riches will save them. So they don’t need God to save them! 1st Corinthians 1:27-31 - But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 2nd Corinthians 11:3-4 - But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.



He Is Able

Pastor Steven Huston

Paul encouraged Timothy with these words: "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12) Jude encouraged the believers that Jesus is "...able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," (Jude 1:24) In the book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar ran across the "able God" several times, learning something about the Creator of the universe and all that therein is. Within this prophetic book we see the historical account of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as they trust in the "able God" and put their very lives in His hands. In my opinion, the epitome of trusting in the sovereignty of God can be summed up in these two verses--(Daniel 3:17-18 KJV) "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." They didn't tell the king he had no right to do this. They didn't grimace, grumble, or complain that it wasn't fair. They didn't question the goodness of God. When the king's anger made him to tremble, they didn't tremble in fear. They trusted that God had them in this situation for a reason. They would wait on Him in humble obedience to the blessed end. These 3 young Hebrew men trusted in the God of their fathers—the God they had proven. In chapters 1, 2, and now 3. With boldness they told the king, "our God WHOM WE SERVE is able to deliver." First, let us ask ourselves, "Do we serve the risen Lord? Do we serve the God of heaven?" Or do we serve our own self? Do we serve this world and its many false gods? You ARE serving somebody or something; who or what do you serve? The three in our history lesson today served the one true God of heaven, Creator of all. Second, let us realize with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that they served the God who IS ABLE! Any gods you serve—other than Jehovah God Almighty—have no ability. They are not able to do anything for you, or even for themselves. Even those people who are serving themselves are not able to deliver themselves from a fiery furnace, a pit of despair, hell, or any other danger. God alone IS ABLE! And able He is! He owns the cattle on a thousand hills and IS ABLE to meet and defeat any financial need. He is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother, the God of compassion and mercy, and He IS ABLE to meet and defeat any emotional need. He is the God that healeth thee and IS ABLE to meet and defeat any physical or relational need. He is the God of life; He is truth; He is the way; and He IS ABLE to meet and defeat any spiritual need. He is holy, holy, holy and He IS ABLE, ABLE, ABLE. He saves to the uttermost, keeps, and sanctifies through and through because He IS ABLE. He is Lord of all creation; He is almighty, sovereign, the God who sees and provides, nothing is impossible with Him and with Him ALL things are possible, and HE IS ABLE! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!!! Are you serving this God? Are you trusting in Him to meet your every need? Thirdly, put your knowledge and faith in action. When the "kings" of this world think they have you down or in a corner saying, "What you gonna do now?" Stand firm and boldly proclaim, "the God that I serve IS ABLE!" When they have you surrounded like Elisha and his servant in 2 Kings 6 and it seems that all would be lost, point to the God of heaven—the "able God"—and cry out in faith, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." WHEN Satan comes after you like a roaring lion, seeking to devour you and tear you limb from limb, remind him that you serve THE LION OF JUDAH and that He IS ABLE to deliver you from anything. When you feel alone and defeated, remember that God will NEVER leave you or forsake you and HE IS ABLE! Know for a fact that God says what He means and means what He says in Isaiah 54:17. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD." Finally my brethren, remember that there are times when God in His wisdom and goodness, knowing His full kingdom picture, deems it necessary for you to go through the fire, the heartache, the hurt, or whatever. Trust in Him for He is able to keep you. Proclaim with the 3 Hebrew boys, "But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Say with Job, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust Him!" He IS ABLE and He is good. He knows what is best and to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I WILL trust in Him and entrust my soul to Him. Oh friends, do you serve Him? Do you really trust Him? Do you KNOW--by faith AND by experience--that HE IS ABLE? Press on in Him and deeper into Him. He is able....amen!

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Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



REESIE'S RECIPES

Strawberry Lasagna

For Oreo Crust;

- 36 Golden Oreo cookies
- ½ cup unsalted butter-melted

For Strawberry Cheesecake Layer:

- 8 oz. cream cheese-softened
- ½ cup unsalted butter-softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 ¼ cup whipped cream
- 1 1/3 cup diced fresh strawberries (about 5.5 oz.)

For Strawberry Jello Layer:

- 3 oz. strawberry flavored gelatin (like Jello)
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 cup strawberry Greek yogurt
- 4 cups whipped cream

For Topping:

- 2-3 cups whipped cream
- 4-5 oz. white chocolate bar to make the curls

To make the crust ground whole Oreo cookies with the filling in a food processor to make fine crumbs. In a bowl stir together ½ cup melted butter with Oreo crumbs until evenly moistened, then press the mixture in the bottom of 9 x 13 inch dish, set in the freezer to firm while making cheesecake layer. In a bowl cream together ½ cup softened butter, 8 oz. softened cream cheese and 1 cup powdered sugar until smooth and creamy. Add 1 ¼ cup whipped cream and mix to combine. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold in diced strawberries and spread the mixture over chilled crust. Place in the fridge. In a large bowl place strawberry Jello, add ½ cup boiling water and stir to dissolve completely. Whisk in 1 cup strawberry Greek yogurt until combine. Add 4 cups whipped cream and mix until combine evenly. Pour the mixture over cream cheese layer and smooth the top. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours until set. Spread 2 cups whipped cream on top. To make the curls, carefully draw a vegetable peeler across the broad surface of a bar of white chocolate at room temperature. Sprinkle curls on top. Refrigerate for 2 more hours before serving, or overnight.

Store in the fridge.

Squash Patties

- 2 cups yellow squash, finely chopped
- 1 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- vegetable oil

In a large bowl, combine squash, onion, egg, salt and pepper. Mix well. Stir in flour. In a skillet, heat ½-inch oil over medium-high heat. Using a tablespoon, drop batter into oil. Cook about 3 minutes per side or until golden brown, turning once. Drain patties on paper towels.

Country Style Baked Beans

- 6 Cans Van Camp pork and beans, drained
- ¾ cup Sweet Baby Rays Honey BBQ Sauce
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ tsp liquid smoke
- 1/8 tsp Cayenne pepper

Mix all ingredients in large aluminum baking pan. Bake on 350 for 70 minutes.

Easy Macaroni Salad

- 1 cup Miracle Whip
- 8 ounces cooked, drained elbow macaroni
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 cup celery, sliced
- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 cup red and green pepper, chopped
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup onion, chopped
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup cheese cubes

In a large bowl stir in Miracle Whip, vinegar, mustard, sugar, salt and pepper until smooth. Add remaining ingredients and toss to coat well. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.



The Straight Gate

Loren Larson

There are not many roads or ways that lead to a relationship with God. In fact, there is no other name given under heaven whereby men can be saved but one. That is the precious name of Jesus, who gave His life that all humanity might be saved, at least for those who will believe. The way to God is therefore through a narrow gate, a small door, open to all, but only one person at a time may pass through. Once through that straight gate there lies before the new believer a glorious but difficult road. Nothing could be more magnificent but no road or way will ever demand more from those who choose to travel upon it. It is the way of the Cross. On this path self must be denied, sin must be overcome, the cross is to be embraced daily, and all trust in personal strengths must be laid aside. This is a difficult way, a narrow way, the way less traveled. But the pleasure and strength that is found along the path is joy unspeakable and the grace freely given for the journey is outstandingly awesome. The sad fact remains that there are precious few that will choose this road. Are you one?

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
John 14:6



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And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15



Hollywood Christianity

I'm convinced much of Christianity today doesn't reflect Biblical Christianity as the Bible describes because for the most part, what I'm seeing is a celebrity type mentality, where many Preachers and musicians are acting like nothing more than entertainers and Hollywood celebrities. Paul nor John the Baptist would not have been traveling the world for there Book signing signatures, because they were engaged in preaching the Gospel, nor would they be concerned with hosting talk shows, yet if they did, the Gospel alone would be the focus. And no doubt even though Paul wrote the majority of the New Testament assuring the letters he had written were of him, yet he never boasted nor took credit for anything in order to use it to his advantage. But whenever worldliness creeps into the church, the church becomes like it, and when the world begins to love what it once hated, the church is no longer possessing the light it once had. If we really understood the Gospel as we say we do, there wouldn't be such a manipulation of it, because much scripture twisting has been used as one of the greatest marketing tools of the hour. Multitudes of so-called pastors have fleeced their flocks to mega-ministries and their so called Church growth schemes all at the expense of souls. While the outward appearance displays a love for people yet it's a pseudo love that's more consumed with numbers than the souls of men, all because money is their motivation and the pride of life is the fuel for it. Therefore it's a glamorous Christianity not a persecuted one. In order to avoid persecution the church cuddles up to the world, and the religious systems of it, just like Samson when he lost his eyesight the church becomes powerless and ineffective witness for Christ, for they left the Light for darkness Those who know and understand the Gospel aren't in it to be made known nor to gain a reputation for that is all hidden in Christ, yet their one goal is to make Christ known and what He accomplished at Calvary not how many people we preached too, not how big our ministry, not our name in lights, but How Big Jesus is and How Big the Cross really is. Without the Cross their can be no Separation from Sin, Self or the World. Gal.6:14 tells us we were crucified unto the world, not to become like it. Yet if we fail to avail ourselves to this truth we too can find ourselves holding to a correct message but yet failing to display a right lifestyle. Romans 12:2 tells us to be not conformed unto this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. If we know this but fail to walk in the knowledge of our co-crucifixion with Christ, the old man will be manifest and not the New. A man in love with this World, a man attached to the things in it, a man who sees the Gospel as a means of Advantage, or Gain and not of Separation. Yet scriptures tell us that Godliness with Contentment is great gain. Now that we have Christ, we possess everything we need, yet the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life still pulls at the heart of many believers yet none of this should control us, we must guard ourselves by keeping our eye single and fixed upon the Cross, otherwise we too can and will go spiritually blind but that's the reason John warned us, not to love this world. 1 John 2:15-16. As believers we are called to be a reflection of Christ, Who is the Light of the World, therefore we are called to walk in Light as He is in the Light, and the result will be that we be a Light unto the World and not living in darkness. So understand we can have the right message and God can use us just as He did Samson, but at the time Samson was compromising & his life wasn't a reflection of God but rather of the world. It's time the world see a demonstration of the Spirit, just as Samson destroyed the Philistines that day, it was based upon a repentant heart that had forfeited it's power to appeals of the world, but it was one cry of the broken heart of a broken man, that caused God to move and Samson's hair began to Grow again! If that's you, it's time to Come Out! 2Cor.6:14-18

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A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Additional passages for Today: Philippians 2:1-2

Thought for Today: We can rejoice that our name and the names of others we know are written in the Lambs Book of Life!

Story for Today: Annie, Sue and Phil had almost reached the landing. They would be meeting Rob and Jim in just a few minutes and the adventure would begin. Marcia was really the instigator behind this scheme. It was too bad she had gotten injured and was unable to join them. There through the branches Phil could just make out the form of a boat. It looked like they would reach it in time! The trio picked up their pace as they hurried through the underbrush. Jim was the first to spot them and he rushed forward to help them board quickly. The boat was already pulling away and they had no time to lose. Meanwhile, Marcia sat in the recliner with her right leg elevated. The pain from surgery was still there although each day it was more tolerable. Today as she read Philippians chapter 4, she was reminded that she had much to rejoice over. She may not be delivering the Bibles and medicine, but God had sent fellow laborers and in that, she could rejoice. She would pray that they would safely reach the small village and that the needed supplies would open the door to more names being added to "the Lamb's Book of Life." Annie jumped ashore with her back pack half full of Bibles and the rest with medicine and toys that would reach the orphanage by nightfall if they kept up a steady pace. The heat and extra weight were more burdensome than expected but she knew God had a plan and she wanted to participate in it fully! She didn't expect the arrow that flew past her right shoulder and instantly fell to the ground thankful for the warning words she remembered hearing Rob speak months before as they discussed the details of this trip. As she lay still, she was joined by the others; all except Rob. He had turned to face the attackers. With a face inches from the mud, Annie remembered Marcia's prayer for them. "Lord, protect your servants... help them to rejoice in all things and be grateful... lead someone to them that needs You and give them opportunity to share Your story..." she had prayed. Annie smiled. God may have a sense of humor. With the arrows flying around them, there was a good possibility that someone really needed God and with the captors closing in, she was pretty sure they would have an opportunity to share the love of God and what He has done for them. She prayed for those that had reached Rob by this time as she remembered the mission. She thanked God for the opportunity to serve Him, prayed for protection and for guidance as they completed the mission. Rob had faced this man many times in the past and while there was no love from this attacker he had shown some signs of respect. Rob waited patiently as the man approached. If things went well, here was their ticket into the village and all would go well. Rob began to speak slowly about the group laying feet away on the ground in a language only the man understood. When Rob began to smile the group relaxed. They would be rejoicing as they continued on their way.

Questions for Today: In what do you rejoice? Do you remember to give thanks and trust God? Will you commit today to praise God in all things? Will you share the joy of the Lord with at least one person?

Song for Today: Trust and Obey

Prayer for Today: Heavenly Father, Thank you for being trustworthy. Thank you for bringing peace in the midst of the storm. Thank you for giving us a joy that no one can take away and allowing us to rejoice at all times. Please help us to do your service and be faithful each and every day. Help us not to look at our circumstances, but look to you and respond with love and joy with a heart full of praise. In Jesus' Name, Amen

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24



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