

Inexpressible Joy

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In early 1997, i began coming to the realization that Jesus is the Creator of all things and that He died and rose from the dead as a sign, communicating: **Payment for my sins and for my life** (long before anything was ever created). I was very thankful to God. I had come to the realization that life is all about Jesus, and that He must now be my-everything. Therefore my reception of Christian teaching from some Evangelicals increased. I started following Jesus the Messiah. The **fulfilled predictions** God foretold concerning Israel (the Jews), the Messiah, and the last days, greatly helped me to be confident about Him and His Scripture.

In early 2001, i had an amazing experience through Scriptures such as John 15:9, heaviness (from trying to please God in my strength) was lifted away from my soul. My thoughts were: “God has made me pleasing in His sight. Where have i been all my life that i didn’t understand something as simple as this? I cannot earn Heaven. **Jesus gave Himself**, He gave me Heaven.” If God doesn’t do it that way, no one can enter Heaven, no matter how clean the person is (Romans 4). My thoughts were: “I wish i can go to Heaven immediately and dwell with God now and forever. He has removed all the barriers between me and Him.” I found myself thanking God so freely. The **assurance of Peace** with Him was overwhelming. I never knew a human being could receive such an assurance of forgiveness from God. My thoughts were: “I will tell everyone about this great love of God. He has gained for us, what we could never merit.” For the first time in my life, i was really happy at the thought of death. At that time, i wished death could come immediately so i could be taken to Heaven immediately.

I have always had the awareness that God is, but for the first time in my life, God became amazingly real to me and near to me. I prayed freely with incredible joy. I sang praises to God with great delight. My out-view was new (changed). Everything looked different to me. The sky, the birds, plants, mountains, all nature looked brighter to me because the One who created all life had become so near to me. My heart was filled with goodwill towards people. My thoughts were: “Christ has come to dwell in me.” I was changed. In John 14:23, Jesus said “... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.” I never knew such an amazing thing could happen to me. No more were the wonderful joy and love of Scripture merely on paper, as i was reading them i saw them in me. I could almost say they were my words. The Spirit of God had come to dwell in me. He, the Author of those Words.

Whenever i saw sin in me, pleading and agonizing for God’s forgiveness to come and forgive me had changed because forgiveness was readily available. I had come to a better understanding of the great work Jesus had done for me. Sometimes, as i thanked God, i felt inadequate. My thoughts were: “How do i thank Him for these amazing spiritual blessings. He Himself has come to dwell in me and with me.” More

than thanking Him, i must allow Him to live His life in me to the praise of His glorious grace. My thanks to Him is truly to allow Him (**through His Words**) to dwell in me.

Luke 2:10-11 “... ‘Don’t be afraid; i bring you Good News of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, Messiah the Lord.” 1John 4:10 “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 4:17-19“Love has been perfected among us in this, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as Christ is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But whoever fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.”

That same year (early 2001), i fell into a danger, the mis-use of spiritual liberty/freedom, and it led to sorrow. Galatians 5:13 “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty, **only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the human nature**, but through love serve one another.” 1Peter 2:15-16 “Because, this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of those who are foolish--**as free, yet not using liberty as a license for sin**, but as bondservants of God.”

In John 15:9, Jesus said to His followers “... abide in My love.” His love (**when rightly applied**) quenches greed, lust and self-pleasures. His love supplies kindness and true care into my heart for others. His love supplies confidence to speak truth. His truth will save those who receive it. His love quenches fear in the face of death. I regret to say that my life isn’t always overflowing with His love because i’m still learning to transition away from the human perspective, and to fully allow My Creator to live in me by receiving His own perspective **on every single thing**, so He can manifest His Life through me. God’s Love removes alienation between a person and His Maker. It brings much peace to a repentant sinner. Forgiveness is only part of it. **It is adoption at the cross.** God adopts the repentant sinner as he/she agrees that Christ took our place, took the eternal punishment we deserve and paid for us. It changes the person and causes him/her to practically love God by going against this world’s flow as the person continually seeks God’s wisdom **in the Scriptures** and depend on His power (the Good News), so as to do only the things that are pleasing to God, **having been reconciled to Him.**

Romans 8:12-13 “Therefore, brethren ... if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the flesh, you will live.”

To live by the Spirit is to be living in this Good News, rejoicing in the fact that Heaven’s door has been opened by Christ. Rejoice in this Reconciliation Gift that our Creator is pouring-out without limit. Here on earth begin dwelling with your Creator, in His Presence **by receiving New Testament Teachings regularly.** He is present everywhere. The Creator of all life created us to dwell in us and be our companion, so we can always praise Him for His companionship and Love. Live in His Presence now and forever, let this be your joy and power for Christian life. God created you to live with you, a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Question: Why is it that even those who have the Spirit of Christ still struggle with sin, and do not know all things?

Answer: A Christian will experience defeat (sin) if he/she allows anything to entice or distract him/her away from this good God, or by not allowing God's Word to fully live within. Luke 9:23 "Jesus said to them all, if anyone desires to follow Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me." However, true-Christians are not without sin. They are still human. 1John 2:1-2 "My little children, these things i write to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world." A Christian can never know all things, no matter how spiritual he/she is. 1Corinthians 13:8-9 "... whether there are tongues, they will cease, whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For **we know in part and we prophesy in part.**"

In the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament), "hope" also means **assurance** (guaranty for the future). Romans 15:13 "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [the Good News], that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

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