

Exceedingly Glad

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May this Christian writing serve to encourage and bless you as you live your life for Christ to the fullness.
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Exceedingly Glad

There are many reasons to be exceedingly glad (in the Lord). If you are saved, and know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, then you have reason to rejoice and be exceedingly glad! “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:28.

God wants us to be partakers in the gladness and joy that He has prepared for us to enjoy. Ultimately, God desires us to spend eternity abiding in right standing with Him. He places choices before us in this life, and we are to choose wisely and accept His free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Salvation (right standing in relationship with God) is the best miracle we can experience in this life. Our soul being properly restored to the Master, with all our sins being forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ, is the best gift, and the one to be most desired by all.

Persecution Is Coming

If someone ever tells you that the Christian life is free from persecution, pain or problems, they are lying. Too many new Christians are promised by some preacher or person that if they accept Christ, all will be better in their lives. Christ promised persecution to all who would believe and follow after Him.

“And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, **with persecutions**; and in the world to come eternal life.” Mark 10:29-30.

“Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:10.

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” 2 Timothy 3:12.

But Jesus says that we are blessed when men persecute us and say all manner of evil against us. We should rejoice and be **exceedingly glad** that we are worthy to partake in Christ's sufferings.

“Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be **exceeding glad**: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” Matthew 5:11-12.

“If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, **The servant is not greater than his lord**. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.” John 15:19-21.

“*We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” 2 Corinthians 4:8-10.

“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be **glad** also with **exceeding** joy.” 1 Peter 4:13.

We Are Overcomers And More Than Conquerors In Christ

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: **but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**” John 16:33.

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” 1 John 5:3-5.

Everyone that is born of God overcomes the world. We know if someone is Christ's by the fruit we see of their overcoming both the world and sin. Faith is the demonstration of our hope, trust and love of God through Jesus Christ, and is the victory that overcomes the world. Faith is the measure of our believing in Jesus Christ. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1.

“...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:30,31.

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:16.

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” Luke 21:36.

“Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39.

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” 1 John 4:4.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Revelation 12:11.

Let The Righteous Be Glad

“But let the righteous be **glad**; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them **exceedingly** rejoice.” Psalm 68:3.

We have an eternal inheritance through Christ of many good things. Who are we not to be **exceedingly glad** and to praise the Lord continually at all times? We have so much to be grateful and thankful for!

“I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.” Psalm 34:1-3.

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.” Hebrews 13:15.

“But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.” Psalm 71:14.

“For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.” Isaiah 55:12.

Blessed Is The Person That Trusts In The Lord

“The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.” Nahum 1:7.

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5,6.

Our trust in God through faith in Jesus Christ demonstrates that we love Him and desire to humble ourselves before Him in service. Humility is the key to have access to God through Jesus Christ. No matter what obstacle we are facing, our trust, faith and hope in God through Jesus will bring us far, even to overcoming.

“Then was the king **exceedingly glad** for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, **because he believed in his God.**” Daniel 6:23.

“For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him **exceeding glad** with thy countenance. For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.” Psalm 21:6-7.

“**Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.** For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.” Jeremiah 17:7-8.

“The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.” Psalm 64:10.

“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. **Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust**, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.” Psalm 40:3-4.

“In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.” Psalm 71:1.

“For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.” Psalm 71:5.

“O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.” Psalm 84:12.

“I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; **in him will I trust.**” Psalm 91:2.

Only when we fully put our faith and trust in God into action will we see the blessings of God overtake us. “And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, **if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.**” Deuteronomy 28:2.

Forget Not All His Benefits

Just as an employer may choose to give benefits to his employees, our God chooses to give true followers of Christ **many benefits**. The blessings of God shall truly overtake us (Deuteronomy 28:2) as we follow His voice, and do what He has called us to do. We should be **exceedingly glad** not only for our soul’s salvation through Jesus Christ, but also for the many benefits and blessings that God desires to pour out upon us.

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name. **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:** Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; **who healeth all thy diseases;** Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so *that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.” Psalm 103:1-5.

The Benefits Of Healing

One of the benefits that God has given us through His Word is that of healing. God does not want us to be sick or to be suffering with diseases. Too many people blame God for the disease that they are experiencing, instead of getting mad at the devil, and seeking freedom and healing from God.

“And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: **for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.**” Exodus 15:26.

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; **who healeth all thy diseases;**” Psalm 103:2-3.

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and **be in health**, even as thy soul prospereth.” 3 John 1:2.

“And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Heal the sick**, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, **cast out devils:** freely ye have received, freely give.” Matthew 10:7-8.

“And these signs shall follow **them that believe;** In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**” Mark 16:17-18.

We should be **exceedingly glad** when we see other people get healed by God, as this helps to increase our faith so we can better receive and appropriate our own healing from God.

Jesus paid the ultimate penalty for our sins. He died on the cross, not only for the remission of our sins, but also for the healing of our physical bodies.

“But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed.**” Isaiah 53:5.

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed.**” 1 Peter 2:24.

Concerning healing, or any other promise and benefit of God, we should **Think Big (Dream Big), Talk Big (In God), Believe Big, and Let God Do Big (Things).**

The Power And Authority Of God’s Word

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11.

There is power in the Word of God. The more you are fed with the Word of God, the more your faith and hope in God should increase. **Everything you need is in The Seed**, which is the Word of God. You need to get the seed of God’s Word into every area of your life, and allow it to grow and germinate, and produce a bumper crop of faith, hope and blessings. Then you will truly be **exceedingly glad**, and be able to worship God in a new dimension of peace, joy and thanksgiving.

“...for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10.