Exalting Jesus, Loving People

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Victory belongs to the Christian.

1 John 5:4 "For whatever is born of God, overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world-our faith." We can be triumphant all of the time. 2 Cor. 2:14, "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."

There are a number of key ingredients to living in victory and triumph everyday, but I want to major on one of them in this limited newsletter. I am referring to joy. Can we really have joy with hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, wildfires, terrorists, national strife, nuclear (threat of) war? According to the Word of God, the answer is a resounding yes!



We already have joy through the fruit of the spirit, but we must develop it. It takes a decision. Don't give yourself an excuse. Don't say well it's just not my personality, no one in my family has ever been joyful, we are all quiet, introverted, depressed, melancholy people.

A lady told me recently that her husband was melancholy, he had a head like a melon and a face like a Collie.:)

Gal. 5:22, "But the fruit of the spirit, is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Joy, a fruit of the spirit, can and must be developed. It is not the Holy Spirit's responsibility, but He will help us. He is our helper sent from heaven. He is an expert Helper. You must also know that the joy of the Lord is not based on circumstances. It is different than happiness. Happiness is based on positive circumstances that affect the emotions, but is usually short -lived. Let's say for example your team is ahead three games to one in a seven games series and you feel great until the other team wins three straight to win the series. You get emotionally involved and can't sleep that night. There is something better—the joy of the Lord. When my son and I would get super wrapped up in a game, Helen would say, "calm down, how does this game affect eternity. Most people won't remember it a year from now."

A new purse, new shoes, new outfit, ladies, these bring happiness until you get to church and another lady has something identical. Happiness leaves.

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So how does joy work? Joy is a spiritual force and is not based on circumstances, it is based on the Word of God. Joy has a voice, <u>Isaiah</u> 12:2,3 says, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for Yah, the Lord is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation. Therefore with <u>joy</u> you will draw water from the wells of salvation."

You must open your mouth! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Joy must be cultivated—Rejoice daily! Your face is an indicator—Proverbs, 15:13, "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart, the spirit is broken." Psalms 33:3, "Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy." Psalms 98:4,6, "Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice and sing praises." "With trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King." This is real vibrant Christianity.



Birds sing! They sound happy!
Aren't you glad they're not depressed. Religion is dead and sad, cold dead formalism, no joy; baptized in lemon juice and pickle juice.

Not for us! Isaiah 61:3 "To provide for them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of

righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified."

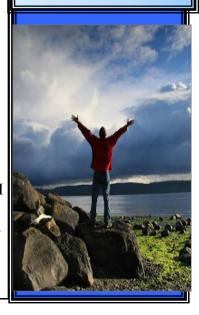
Joy expressed through shouting, praise and worship, running and dancing under the anointing and lifting up your hands will help bring deliverance from sickness, depression, pain, mental problems, worry, anxiety and poverty.

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas demonstrated the power of joy. When Paul and Silas were beaten with rods and many stripes were laid on them and thrown into the inner prison and their feet were fastened in the stocks: what did they do? Did they moan, grumble and complain, which anybody could understand if they did; but moaning, grumbling and complaining will not help, but just make things worse. In verse 25, it says, "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone chains were loosed." It is not enough just to pray, but we must pray and rejoice to see our deliverance.

Another time we see Paul in chains, where he could be so depressed, yet he was encouraging the church to rejoice. In Philippians 4:4, he said, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice!" He knew the power of joy and how it can help us overcome.

This is the day the Lord has made; we will be glad and rejoice in it.

Psalm 118:24



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No, it is not always easy to rejoice, <u>especially</u> when we do not feel like it. When we feel weak, sad or depressed, that is the time we must choose to rejoice to help us overcome and gain the victory.

Nehemiah 8:10 says, "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength."



Choose to rejoice today!



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Scripture for Praying for the Nation

I Tim. 2:1-4 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men., for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.





Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray for the rain from heaven, (Zech. 10:1) a great outpouring of your Spirit, (Joel 2:28). We pray that you would soften the hearts and minds of the lost and give your people utterance (anointed words) and boldness as they preach the gospel. We hunger for and desire all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit to be in prolific manifestation. We ask for freshly anointed, fully equipped, prepared laborers to be sent into the harvest. Mt. 9:38 In Jesus name, Amen!

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