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Joy Cometh in the Morning (#2)

There are a couple of scriptures in the Old Testament I would like to quote before I write my little story.

Nehemiah 8:10 — "Then he said unto them, go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Ezra 3:12 — "When the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, they all wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy." Do you realize that you are the foundation for the new age???? And that foundation is Christ?????

You will notice in Psalm 30:5, one of my favorite scriptures — "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Now the definition of joy according to Webster is rapture, so that is the rapture and it comes in the morning after a dark night and suffering of the soul.

It also means great pleasure, joyfulness, jubilation, triumph over death, over hell, over our old life. Euphoria, enjoyment, gladness. We do not go to heaven by dying physically, we have heaven within us like the oak tree is inside the acorn and it is joy and peace and his righteousness. Our self-righteousness gives way and is changed into His righteousness.

And the word favor----support or advancement given as a sign of approval. Or an act of kindness beyond what is due or usual. So your suffering in prison will gain favor with God. He will amaze you at the abundant life He pours out for you if you will allow Him to change you — you becoming His will in he earth. Is it not an honor to fulfill the prayer said by all Christians for 2000 years — Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

In Ecclesiastes there is a scripture: "For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart." Yes my dear prisoner, your tomb or your memory is much like a computer that is done away with in Christ. Like a frog forgets what happened to him as a tadpole so you will remember your woes no more. For old things have passed away and behold, all things are new.

Luke 1:14 — "Thou shalt have joy and gladness and many shall rejoice at the birth now taking place on earth."

"Rejoice ye in the day, and leap for joy, for behold your reward is great in heaven."

Now, this scripture is the punch line. It is in heaven where joy is. It is in the morning we experience joy. And both of these are only products of our new creation, (in Christ).

Enduring the night season and suffering is a recipe we all have to follow to get the leaven of joy to grow and to become full.

Jesus promised — "And ye now therefore have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." I know many of you feel God has forsaken you. Remember, the way Christ went, so must all of us go. And His great cry was, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me." And then he gave up the ghost and his Adam nature died so the Christ could be born. That my dear friends is called the resurrection, the changing from Adam to Christ, night to day — the beginning of a new age.

The harvest, the night season, the crucifixion now over we can look forward to the restoration and all things new and fresh and our joy will be full.

And Peter writes from experience: "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."

The suffering we all are going through is a must if we are to be filled with His joy.

And as overbearing as some of the deputies are, there is also a humbling and submission that is necessary. Hebrews 13 says this: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief for that is unprofitable for you."

Setting the example as Christ is our example, will be a sign to the world that Christ is the Lord and our God reigns for you are a light unto the world. And it is your duty to let your light so shine that all in darkness will see the light and go away glorifying God. Words are worthless without the deeds to give them substance.

For the Word was made flesh and dwelt among them. Now as this scripture becomes a reality in your life, all phony Christians will be shown up as fraudulent.

I say this to all of you, (God's sweetsie babies) I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. It is one thing to hear it, quite another thing to walk in it-----joy to the world, the Lord has come.

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