

Philippians #34

Philippians 3:1-2

2nd Timothy 4:3-4; 3:2-7

“I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden.” Joe South

Once greater-grace maturity is reached, don't stop, keep going because there's something even greater and that's finishing the race, a winner.

Happiness is older than the human race because it's a characteristic of God that has always existed in Him.

Salvation is only a potential, not the reality of happiness experienced.

Having truth work for us is accomplished by a positive response in which faith transfers the Word out of the mind into human spirit making it usable wisdom.

A *doer of the Word* isn't simply a worker; a *doer of the Word* is a believer with processed truth in the launching pad of his soul.

God's happiness is not a slave to anything;

it's greater than the circumstances and details of life.

Blessing is the continuation of happiness; so there's no blessing if you are happy one minute and unhappy the next, there's only an unstable situation but if you can continue happiness from one minute to the next and from one day to the next, then it becomes a blessing; happiness is never a blessing unless it's perpetuated.

The only way to have true happiness is to consistently take in biblical truth and it takes a lot of processed truth to have inner happiness.

Lasting authentic happiness has to do with positional truth.

At salvation, every Church Age believer receives 40 gifts; 5 of which are directly accomplished by God the Holy Spirit;

1 being the baptism of the Spirit where He enters us into inseparable union with Jesus Christ.

Being in union with Jesus Christ means that we share His eternal life, His righteousness, His sonship, His heirship, His priesthood, His election, His destiny and His kingship which means it is impossible for us to be judged at Great White Throne.

When we enter into union with Christ, we share His election and destiny; therefore, we are pre-designed or foreordained by virtue of our union with Him.

Grace honors divine good and excludes human good.

You are perfect positionally and your completeness in Christ has broken the power of Satan from without and the sin nature from within.

Repetition is the act of repeated utterance or reiteration and the principle of repetition is what you learn after you know it all.

Failure to respond to the repetition of Bible teaching results in 3 arrogance skills along the road to ruin:

1. self-justification, jealousy and bitterness
2. self-deception, unsatisfiable ego
3. self-absorption, hatred revenge and vindictiveness.

Paul wants us to be happy and he knows exactly what that takes.

You don't have to have suffering to get to greater-grace promotion but you have to have the Word of God in your frame of reference to get there.

When you reach greater-grace by intake of biblical truth, then God gives you the privilege of suffering for blessing, but it's not all kinds of suffering, it's opposition from Satan day by day which only intensifies your blessing.

Just as dogs fed on garbage and dead bodies at this time, so the Judaizers fed on the dead principles and doctrines of evil.

Just as rabid dogs infected others, the Judaizers infected Paul's world-wide congregation.

The dog cannot be better than his own nature and the Judaizers cannot exceed the content of evil in their souls.

The Judaizers were a large part of the honor that God bestowed upon Paul!

Beginning in the Garden of Eden, evil or Satan's policy always seeks to take away God's grace and mutilate it.

Many functions of evil today are related to the Word of God, but they are distorted from the Word of God.

The Christian life is not a sacrifice for us because we simply give up a lesser good to gain a greater good.