

Philippians #41

“Rejoice or be anxious, we can’t have it both ways”

Philippians 4:4-7

The spiritually mature greater grace believer has the best in life; he has something better in dying and he has better than the best for all eternity!

We’ve become so coddled by the government that the false sense of security offered sets its citizens up for tremendous fear and anxiety when any of the safety nets crumble.

Only divine solutions solve problems.

Emotion is to be enjoyed, understood and evaluated but this is impossible without the absolute standard for the Christian way of life: The Word of God.

Your emotion has nothing to do with the spiritual reality of your salvation.

When the human spirit sends biblical truth to the emotions, the believer appreciates God; so no biblical truth and there’s no appreciation for God.

When you have biblical truth, you can then appreciate the details of this life because they become points of truth.

Joy means sharing the happiness of God, a gift from Him to the believer with capacity for that happiness from maximum processed biblical truth circulating in the stream of consciousness.

Good emotion responds to the values of the conscience of the soul.

Circumstances are never the issue in sharing the perfect happiness of God.

We’re never saved because we feel saved and we’re never spiritual because we feel spiritual.

The spiritual life runs on divine power, never how we feel.

No one can receive either of these special blessings in time or in eternity apart from spiritual growth from consistent learning and applying the Word, breaking the maturity barrier, reaching greater-grace and eventually dying grace.

This is actually a command to grow up and share the happiness of God and it presupposes there’s a definite divine plan by which this can be accomplished totally apart from human merit.

So, not only can we share the happiness of God but it isn’t a transient thing, it is a continual thing.

Paul is repeating because of the importance of the command to share the happiness of God and the many hindrances and distractions to its fulfillment.

Happiness is a state of conscious well-being because many people are well-off and don’t know it; so true happiness is being well-off and knowing it!

It’s impossible for God to be unhappy.

Before anyone can have

God’s happiness, he must have

God’s thinking and we call His thinking Bible truth where He has stored happiness in a multitude of words.

The most important thing we do in our spiritual life is to get the thinking of God in our souls, for that is the treasury of happiness.

No one can be more reasonable than to be oriented to reality and grace at the same time.

Not only is the Lord near from the standpoint of His omnipresence; *Isaiah 41:10*; *Hebrews 4:13* but living grace support makes it possible for the believer to reach greater-grace and fully understand the reality of God's total grace provision for the helpless person who has crossed the maturity barrier.

The intense opposition from the satanic forces of evil calls for the intensified provision of grace, therefore we have another category: near grace.

Worry is a mental attitude sin which separates the believer from his inner resources of grace and cuts off special divine supply.

Therefore, worry not only stops the advance of the greater-grace believer but it also makes him vulnerable to rebellion.

In this case, we have the specific needs of near grace, the support necessary to move beyond greater-grace which is made under great opposition in uncharted territory.

God knows from eternity past what your prayer requests were because there never was a time when Omniscience didn't know every prayer you've ever prayed or ever will pray.

Peace is the spiritual benefit which motivates the believer to continue the advance beyond greater-grace.

This maximum biblical truth originates from persistence and constant function of learning and applying where the Word of God is transferred from the written page of Scripture to the soul of the individual believer by means of public speaking in a local church.

Human thinking simply reflects the rulership of Satan's world and his policy of thought is called evil and it's now broadcast so extensively that he has converted most of the world.

The only hold-out against the policy of evil is believers with biblical truth in their souls. We think biblical truth to be motivated by biblical truth and we think grace to be motivated by grace.

Wrong motivation receives its drive from lust of the sin nature, mental attitude sins, sincere devotion to the principles of evil and satanic delusions as to what makes up the Christian life.

The odds are against being right because the only guarantee of being right is the absolute criterion of biblical truth resident in the soul.

Therefore, the greater-grace believer has confidence that he's doing what is right and this becomes his hidden prosperity in moving into uncharted territory advancing on to dying grace.