

Joy Fulfilled

Please keep my old dear friend in your prayers. He is in his eighties and dying in the hospital ridden with Cancer. We call him Professor. He such a gentleman and a very friendly person. I rushed with other friends to visit him yesterday and prayed with him. Shortly after I asked the Spirit of living God to take over I witnessed something I didn't expect from him. He started reciting the Lord's Prayer. He desired eternity with the Lord as he confessed. I tell you my sorrow turned into joy and I assured him that he cannot die and that if he dies he yet shall he live. This is the word of the Lord to those who believed in him. He made my joy full.

1st John 1:4 And these things write we unto you that your (our) joy may be full. KJV

Nothing should bring us more joy than seeing sinners redeemed. This is what the Apostles preached. Most would rather have more properties, money, fame, having their political party in power than to see sinners redeemed. Most would condemned their political opponents to hell than seeing sinners redeemed. This should not be.

We have to ask ourselves what brings us more joy? I would rather see my son redeemed than seeing him successful in this dying world. I would rather see him born again more than getting all the A's in college because the most glorious thing in the world is to see man redeemed.

Apostle John, (the disciple whom Jesus loves), tells us in 1st John 1:4 that being redeemed is what brings him more joy. Why? Because it is the only thing above all else that men strive to have that is eternal.

How hungry am I to see sinners saved? Not hungry enough. I must be more hungry and thirsty for righteousness for the sake of all men rather than silver and gold. My joy is not made complete because homosexuals are not allowed to marry each other, but rather that they are redeemed. No law can fix the depravity of man. We must be born again. This is what produces lasting joy. It is not enough that a man doesn't do bad things. He must be born again.

My joy lies in the new birth that produces good behavior from the inside out. No pretense, hypocrisy or game but true transformation from deepest you. If you think otherwise you don't understand the gospel of Jesus Christ. God bless the lawmakers but law can not solve the depravity of Man. The effect of the gospel on each one of us is what fulfills joy. Let us proclaim Him who had no sin in Him. He, Jesus did no sin. He knew no sin but yet died for the sin of the world that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. When we truly believe this it brings great joy to the soul. Rejoice in the Lord always.

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