

A CURE FOR FEAR

Zephaniah 3:14-17

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Everybody is afraid of something, someone at some time or other and usually don't want others to know of their fears. Since everybody suffers from fear of something then perhaps that should make a person feel a bit better. How does one handle his/her fears? There is good news for there is a cure for any fear that one may have and here are nine reasons for Christians to be happy, to sing and to not fear anymore.

I. GOD HAS TAKEN AWAY THE BELIEVER BEING JUDGED

1. The rest of the world, by reason of sin and guilt, is under the wrath and judgments of God, but with the believer, God has taken away all judgments. It is a DONE thing!
 - He has taken away the believer's sins, the cause of judgment.
 - That is called redemption.
 - He has taken away the believer's spiritual death, the consequence of judgment.
 - That is called the new birth.
 - He has taken away the curse of the law, the sentence of judgment of the believer.
 - Redemption has already been accomplished.
 - Redemption has already been applied.

2. *Hebrews 9:12-14*

II. GOD HAS CAST OUT THE ENEMY OF THE BELIEVER

1. God cast Satan out of heaven as soon as he began to oppose God's purpose of grace toward believers.
 - *Ezekiel 28:14-17*
2. Jesus casts Satan out of the heart of the believer by His Holy Spirit and the believer is no longer in bondage to and under the power/rule of Satan, the prince of darkness.
 - *Isaiah 49:24-25*
 - *Matthew 12:28-29*
3. Jesus will cast Satan into the pit of the damned at the last day.
 - *Revelation 20:10*

III. JESUS, THE KING, THE LORD IS WITH THE BELIEVER

1. *Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:4*
 - Jesus is present because He is the omnipresent God.
 - Jesus is present because He is determined to do believers good.
 - Jesus is present because He promised to never leave nor forsake the believer.

IV. THE BELIEVER WILL NO LONGER SEE EVIL

1. *Proverbs 12:21; Isaiah 3:10*

V. JESUS, WHO IS WITH THE BELIEVER IS MIGHTY

1. Jesus, who is in the midst of believers, is Jehovah, the eternal, immutable, all sufficient God.
2. Jesus is the Lord, the believer's God.
 - He is the believer's God by His own grace agreement.
 - He is the believer's God by His miraculous incarnation of becoming one of the human race.
 - He is the believer's God by His great gift of faith to the believer.
3. Jesus, the Lord God is Mighty.
 - All power in heaven and earth has been given to Him, who is the believer's God.
 - He is able to save the believer to the uttermost.
 - He is able to deliver the believer from the hand of any/every enemy.
 - He keeps the believer in the midst of every temptation.
 - He sustains the believer in every trial.
 - He will bring the believer safely into His heavenly kingdom.

VI. JESUS WILL SAVE THE BELIEVER

1. Jesus is not only able to save, but is also willing to save.
 - ***Micah 7:18-20***
 - Jesus readily undertook to save the believer in the covenant of grace.
 - Jesus came in the fulness of time to seek and to save that which was lost.
 - Jesus has worked out salvation for the believer by His obedience unto death.
 - Jesus sees to it that salvation is applied to every sinful believer.
 - Jesus will come again to put the believer into the full possession of that salvation which He has accomplished for every believer.
 - Jesus saves freely, fully and everlastingly.
 - Jesus saves from sin, Satan, the law, hell and wrath.
 - Jesus will save the believer from every temporal and every spiritual enemy in time and eternity.

VII. JESUS WILL REJOICE OVER ALL BELIEVERS WITH GREAT JOY

1. ***Isaiah 61:10; 62:3-5; Revelation 19:1-9***
2. Jesus has taken away the believer's judgments, cast out the believer's enemy, is present with the believer and He will save, therefore, Jesus will rejoice over all believers with great joy

VIII. JESUS WILL REST, FIND SOLACE IN HIS GREAT LOVE

1. Jesus finds great satisfaction, delight and complacency in loving the believer and expressing His great love to the believer. It pleases Him to love the believer. Jesus' love for the believer is:
 - Without cause.
 - Without beginning.
 - Without change.
 - Without end.

2. Jesus will be silent because of His great love for the believer.
 - He will not upbraid the believer because of his/her sins.
 - He will never speak a word of anger or wrath to the believer.
 - He will put all the enemies of the believer to silence.

IX. JESUS WILL REJOICE WITH THE BELIEVERS AS THEY REJOICE

1. Jesus is delighted that people have believed in Him and have become His people, His redeemed, and that they are His "bride" and He wants no one else.
2. Some day every believer will be in heaven and there will be great rejoicing among them, but joining in with their rejoicing will be the Lord Jesus, Himself.

CONCLUSION:

1. Christians tend to forget that every time someone turns to Jesus in belief, there is happiness among the new believer's new Christian friends, but there is great happiness in heaven with the Lord Jesus, Himself.
2. Christians, stop being afraid, learn how to be glad and rejoice for the Lord Jesus is in control.
3. Since Jesus has done so much, continues to do so much and will do much more in the future for the believer, let every believer lift his/her hands in prayer, in praise and in labor for the Lord Jesus.
4. Christians, Jesus Christ is in control, let Him be in control of your life.