

HAPPY IS THE BELIEVER

Romans 5:11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Introduction: Of all the people on earth who should be happy, it should be Christians for they (we) enjoy great privileges and blessings which no words can adequately express and nobody can fully grasp their benefits. Truly "*...the riches of Christ are unsearchable...*" (*Ephesians 3:8*). Not only all of those things, but God is fitting each believer for the wonderful eternity in heaven which he/she will receive and experience. To be a Christian is to be a happy person.

I. THE GENERAL HAPPY STATE OF BELIEVERS

1. The believer in Jesus Christ has already been reconciled with God.
 - Jesus bought/purchased reconciliation with His death and offers it freely to any who would receive/accept it.
 - Those who receive it then go into their world as ambassadors and share their wonderful experience to those who have not experienced it yet.
2. Those who hear and receive the wonderful news of what Jesus Christ has done for them have all their iniquities blotted out from God's book of remembrance.
 - God is no longer angry with them as when they were unbelievers.
 - God looks upon believers in His Son as His own children.
 - This is the state of every believer in Jesus Christ, without exception.
3. No matter if a person has lived in sin for all his/her life but is led to the foot of the cross and there in deep, sincere repentance calls upon the Lord Jesus to save him/her, God's mercy is instantly given to him/her.
 - The very instant a person comes to Jesus Christ in all sincerity, he/she finds rest for his/her soul.
 - The enormity of a person's transgressions make no difference in being saved. He/she may have been as vile as any human being ever has been, yet on coming sincerely, truly to Jesus Christ, his/her transgressions, iniquities, sins will be pardoned and it will be said of him/her, "*...the Lord hath put away thy sin, thou shalt not die...*" "*...Though his/her sins may have been as crimson, they shall become as white as snow...*"
4. No matter the age, whether young or old, when they look to Jesus in belief, He will save them.

II. THE MORE ADVANCED THE BELIEVER, THE HAPPIER HE/SHE IS

1. Without exception every believer receives reconciliation, but the "advanced" believer is even more highly privileged.
 - He/she rises higher, soars even to God, Himself and rejoices and glories in the Lord.
 - The more advanced one is in his/her Christian life, the more deeply he/she feels his/her own emptiness and utter helplessness.
 - *1 Peter 5:10*
 - He/she views God as "*...God of all grace..*"

- God is a God of patience and consolation. (**Romans 15:5**)
 - Whatever he/she needs, God will supply as if he/she were God's only child.
2. God, in His covenant made with believers has stated that he will be "the God of His people.."
 - **Hebrews 8:8**
 - Whatever God IS, He will be for His people.
 - Whatever God HAS, He will give it to His people as far as they can receive it.
 - God will not merely be a friend or a father but will be their GOD, and all that God can be to them, He will be and do.
 - God pledges Himself to His people.
 - **Romans 2:17**
 3. God will be with His people for all eternity, not just here on earth.
 - As God was to Abraham his shield and great reward (**Genesis 15:1**) so He will be to every believer in His Son, Jesus.
 - God will in the midst of His people and be their God and will wipe away all tears from their eyes. (**Revelation 21:3-4**)

CONCLUSION:

1. Everyone should accept God's invitation to become a part of His family and receive all the blessings that He will give.
2. Every Christian should seek to be the kind of child God wants him/her to be.
 - No Christian should be content to just be reconciled to God, but should seek to rejoice in Him.
 - Let every Christian say with David, "**...I will go into the altar of God, of God, my exceeding joy...**" (**Psalms 43:4**)
3. Let every Christian live as near to God as he/she possible can, "delighting themselves in God and enjoying NOW the blessings of God.