

## HEAVEN REJOICED WHEN YOU WERE SAVED

Luke 15:7, 10,11-32

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**Introduction:** No doubt being saved makes somebody happy, the one who was saved, then perhaps some of his/her family, then his/her Church family (especially his/her pastor), and then other Christian friends. Perhaps not very many think about those in heaven also being happy and rejoicing when somebody believes in the Lord Jesus and is saved but God's Word makes it very clear that everybody "up there" is excited and very happy when somebody down here is saved.

### I. WHO REJOICES IN HEAVEN WHEN SOMEONE DOWN HERE IS SAVED?

#### 1. First of all God, the Heavenly Father, rejoices.

- God is in much sorrow at the wickedness that mankind has gotten into and whenever a single person wants to change and get right with God, that makes God happy.
- Every person who is saved further proves to God that all His efforts to change wicked, sinful mankind has not been in vain.

#### 2. The Jesus Christ, the Son of God, rejoices.

- Whatever makes God, the Heavenly Father, happy, also makes God's Son, Jesus, happy.
- Jesus' whole earthly life was spent in making the way for any sinful person could be forgiven and made right with God, the Father, and every time a person does repent and turn to Him for salvation makes Him rejoice.
- The joy that Jesus has over every single person saved must be just unspeakable.

#### 3. The Holy Spirit rejoices.

- Although it is nowhere mentioned, the scriptures are silent, there is not doubt that the Holy Spirit also shares and participates in the joy of the Father and the Son.

#### 4. The Angels rejoice over every person who is saved.

- Throughout the history of mankind angels have been sent by God to help prophets preach and do wondrous things in trying to help people know about God and God's plans for them.
- They angels were privileged to make the announcement that the Messiah had been born in the little town of Bethlehem.
- They have come in the appearance of fellow servants helping God's people keep in the right way and have helped God's people in their witnessing.
- Angels do, indeed, rejoice whenever somebody turns to Jesus and is saved.

### II. WHY DO THOSE IN HEAVEN REJOICE WHEN SOMEONE IS SAVED?

#### 1. God rejoices because His eternal plans for the redemption of mankind are working.

- Before Adam and Eve got here, God already had plans for mankind, knowing that man would go astray.
- As we are happy whenever our hopes, dreams, plans and promises are fulfilled, so God is also happy and pleased when it happens to Him.

#### (1). God is pleased and happy when someone is saved because that person has responded to God's own doings/work.

- It is because God gave His Son, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be the means by which sinful

people could be redeemed and saved and that person responded as God wanted.

- It is because Satan has been defeated once again and a human being has been snatched, plucked out of Satan's world and brought into eternal salvation.

**(2). It gives God an opportunity to extend mercy and grace, thereby showing love to His Son, Jesus, by pardoning that lost, damned sinner for Jesus' sake.**

- God cannot but be pleased anytime a sinner turns to His Son in faith and is saved.
- God cannot forgive any sinful person except through what His Son, Jesus has accomplished.
- Jesus once said, "*...no one comes to the Father, but by ME!...*" "*...I and My Father are One..*"

**(3). When a person is saved, it satisfied God because that person has been removed from the consequences of sin.**

- A person who is saved is made a Child of God and has been forgiven of his/her sins.
- Sin is what drew mankind away from God, keeps mankind away from God and will send countless to Hell and is Satan's strong hold on mankind.
- Sin has affected the angels of which Satan was once the chief. Sin changed heaven (paradise) on earth to a prison, to a place of death.
- Therefore whenever a damned, doomed, sinful, member of Satan's family is saved, God is very pleased, delighted and rejoices.

**2. Jesus, the Son of God rejoices over a person who is saved because He has saved someone He has loved.**

- Jesus gave that person spiritual life.
- Jesus has redeemed that person with His own precious blood.
- As a mother loves and cares for her children, so Jesus loves and cares for mankind.

**(1). Jesus, along with His Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit rejoice when a person is saved because that saved person begins to return their love by recognizing with much gratitude what Jesus has done for him/her.**

- Again, as a mother is happy when her child becomes capable of recognizing her and returning her love and that child continues to grow and mature, therefore increasing the mother's joy, even with "corrections" along the way, thus is Jesus happy.

**3. The angels rejoice when a person is saved because the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rejoice.**

- (1).** If God the Father is displeased, the angels are displeased and do all they can to make things right again so the Father will be pleased again.
  - If God the Father is pleased, then they cannot help but echo His joy.
- (2).** Angels love others as they love themselves and they have seen some of their own fall into sin and be cast out of heaven, therefore they cannot help but be happy whenever anybody is saved and escapes Satan's grasp.
- (3).** God is glorified when a person is saved and that is what the angels want for they see God grace displayed in giving repentance and remission of that person's sins.
- (4).** They saw God create the world, showing that God was wise and powerful, now when God gives repentance and forgiveness of sins to an evil, wicked person who turns to His Son that to them, is greater than His creating the world and the heavens.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. How much is the soul of a single, evil, wicked, damned person worth? If there is joy in heaven over a single soul that is saved, then that soul is priceless.
2. What if mankind (us) looked upon the value of our souls as God and the heavenly host sees us?
3. Surely the Biblical account of the Christmas Story and the Easter Story should tell us something of what the members of Heaven think of us.
4. God, the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, the Holy Spirit and all the Angels rejoice whenever a single soul turns to Jesus in belief and is saved. How do we act?
5. Christian, everybody in heaven knew when you were saved and rejoiced.
6. If you are not a Christian, you are still loved very much by those in heaven and they are anxiously waiting for you to believe in Jesus and be saved, thus becoming a Child of God and a part of the heavenly family. They will rejoice greatly.