

## **WHY I AM GLAD TO BE A CHRISTIAN**

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Psa 100:1 A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

**Psa 100:2** Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Psa 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: *it is he that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psa 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

Psa 100:5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

**Psa 45:15** With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

**Psa 45:15 - With, gladness** (exceeding (-ly), gladness, joy fullness) **and rejoicing shall they be brought,....** With joy unspeakable, and full of glory in themselves, because of what they shall be delivered from; from all outward troubles and afflictions; from all inward distresses, darkness, doubts, and fears; from sin, Satan, and all spiritual enemies; and because of what they shall enjoy, communion with God, angels and saints, the vision of God in Christ, conformity to him, perfect knowledge, complete holiness and happiness, and a glory both upon their souls and bodies.

## **BECAUSE ONLY THROUGH JESUS IS TRUE SALVATION**

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1. **Truth is the most valuable commodity in the world:** Lies bring souls into bondage, but truth sets free.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

Joh 8:33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Joh 8:35 And the servant abideth not in the house forever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

Joh 8:36 **If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**

2. **Church built on the foundation of truth, which involves the doctrine of Christ.**

**1Co 3:11** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**1Co 3:11 - For other foundation can no man lay,....** Men may attempt to lay other foundations than Christ, and build upon them, but to no purpose; they will be of no avail; all besides him are sandy foundations; such as fleshly privileges, a carnal descent, a religious education, an external profession of religion, a man's own righteousness, and the absolute mercy of God; but men ought to lay no other, nor can they, that will be of any advantage to themselves or others:

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord:

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

**2Jo 1:9** Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

3. **Truth which includes** baptism in Jesus name, Oneness of God; Holiness; separation from the world; blood atonement; second coming of the Lord Jesus; eternal judgment; etc.

### **A CHRISTIANS LIFE IS A JOURNEY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST**

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

- a. **Righteousness:** A pardon of sin, and holiness of heart and life.
- b. **Peace:** In the soul, from a sense of God's mercy; peace regulating, ruling, and harmonizing the heart.
- c. **Joy:** Solid spiritual happiness; a joy which springs from the wells of salvation and a clear sense of God's mercy; and the love God which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.
- d. **Jesus wants our joy to be Full:** (John 15:11) "That your joy might be full," (Isaiah 12:3) "Joy from the wells of salvation," (1 Peter 1:8) "Ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (Neh 8:10), "...for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

#### 1. **A life of strength in the Lord:**

Psa 84:6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

Psa 84:7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

Psa 30:5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favor *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

## **BECAUE MY LIFE IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

1. **I have been delivered from the carnality of my flesh and now I can live a victorious life by walking in the Spirit.**

**Col 1:13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

**Rom 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

- a. **Are Led**: As I submit to His influence and control in my He will not only direct my path, but he will led me and guide me into all truth. His Spirit will led me into His Word which will give me power to overcome the world the flesh and the devil.

**BECAUSE THERE IS A POWER OF FAITH AND  
INSPIRATION THAT COMES WHEN YOU RECEIVE  
THE HOLY GHOST**

1. Being filled with the Spirit, hooks you into the supernatural power of faith, which crashes through the limitations of the impossible and He will give you a divine inspiration that God is all powerful and can do anything.

Zec 4:6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**

Zec 4:7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.

Phi 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.