Being Happy as a Christian

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INTRODUCTION

- For God made man to be happy. And Christians have more reasons than anyone else, in fact, have the only real reasons to be happy.
- If you're happy, inform your face. Let people know that you're happy.
- Let the world know that you have this sense of joy and peace, not because things are going right, but because I'm a child of God.

1 False Reasons: Possessions

Ecclesiastes 2:10–11

- If I just had enough money, or maybe we could translate that, if I just had enough stuff, I would be happy. Is that not the mantra of the world?
- If anybody could have accomplished joy and happiness through the accumulation of wealth and possessions, Solomon could have done it.
- Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor which I had toiled, and indeed all was vanity. And a grasping for the wind.
- Possessions didn't really make us happy.

2 If the Circumstances of Life Would Just Align

Luke 6:25

- If the circumstances of life would just align and everything was perfect or as near perfect as they could get, then I would be happy or at least happier.
- Woe to you who are full, for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- Our Lord taught us that we need to accept painful reality and view it as a spiritual opportunity.
- Life is going to be full of misery and suffering. But we can still be happy.

3 Pleasure Equals Happiness

- Satan would have us to believe this next lie that is that pleasure equals happiness.
- If sin wasn't fun, so many people wouldn't be doing it.
- The Hebrew writer would have us to know the lesson of Moses that those are simply the passing pleasures of sin that may be here for a moment, but then they're quickly gone.

4 Temporal Reasons: Godly Associations

Psalm 133:1

- Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

- Because of my brethren. And the wonderful associations and the help that they can offer me. I'll tell you, that's invaluable.
- But she knew this that she had a brother and sister in Christ that she could call.

5 Help Getting Along in This Present World

Psalm 144:15

- The instructions that God gives us is not to hold us back and to burden us. They're for our good always.
- Here's what you ought to do. And it works every time I try it. And I fail every time I don't.
- Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.
- You can bow your head in prayer and cast your cares upon Him because He cares for you.

6 Eternal Reasons for Being Happy

- There is the escape from eternal damnation.
- There is a place called hell. And I'm not going there. That makes me happy.
- There is the comfort and peace that comes from knowing that we have salvation.
- No matter how bad it gets here, how wicked and vile it gets, that this is not the end.
- Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I want that joy, that peace of God that surpasses all understanding and all circumstances of life. Would you have that this morning? It only comes as being a child of God. But it can be yours today. Why not render obedience to the gospel?**

MY NOTES