

SEEK THE KINGDOM – LIVING IN JOY

How to Live in the Joy of the Holy Ghost

Thy Kingdom come on earth, Thy will be done as it is in heaven. Christ Revealed, Church Reformed, City Rebuilt

We are serving the King of kings and He is the reason why we live. There is nothing else we want in life except His name be lifted up and glorified.

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The kingdom of God is not just eating and drinking. This is the common activity in every event of the world; wedding, funeral, before work, after work, etc. Eating is the common activity of life.

Righteousness, peace and joy is the smallest / basic characteristics of the Kingdom. When we seek His Kingdom and His righteousness, all will be added unto us. God will not add the Kingdom to us if we are still living in a kingdom that can be shaken.

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear,

God is going to shake everything that can be shaken. What cannot be shaken? His Kingdom. Our job, health, quality of life, strength, etc can be shaken. If God is going to give us a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, we must be joined to the Kingdom that cannot be shaken. If we want God to add into our life, we must be strong. If our life is weak God cannot add eternal things. His voice will shake the heavens and the earth. We must remain strong. It is those who remain strong and trusting God, He will give the Kingdom.

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We have to be born into the Kingdom. It is not just about salvation. It is more than that. Ultimately God wants us to inherit the Kingdom and all starts with the birth into the Kingdom. If we start to grow up, a lot of the needs of our own life we can meet ourselves. If we cannot meet our own needs we will always be dependent on people and all the while behind. When Christians can meet their own needs, there is a sense of awe and feeling of strength that rises.

This is why when we are born again we must see that God wants us to move beyond our needs. We need to rise and pray through and break forth and we will have the sense of dignity. We come to church to be equipped so that we can become strong. If we can meet our own needs, we will have a good feel and have confidence. Then we can teach others and encourage others. If we never had a breakthrough we cannot tell anybody. If we win and we are doing well, there is a scope of life far beyond the normal.

From the process of birth to inherit, we will have the nature of the Kingdom inside us. When there is a project going on, don't be contentious. Be happy with it because it may not bless us but it will bless others. If we are not thinking righteousness but always in a crooked way, the first thing we will do is open our mouth and attack. Righteousness is not in our heart and we will always create conflict. Those who have the Kingdom will think righteousness. If the person is clean in the mind, emotions and actions, the person does not change law. They will do things right. When we do right, those that are wrong will adjust themselves. If we are so right and we talk to someone who is wrong, they have to adjust themselves to the right.

If we put God first, we will never be last. If we trust Him, we will never be put to shame. When we have God's Kingdom, we can shake other kingdoms. Others cannot do good because they don't have the ingredients of righteousness, peace and joy of the Holy Spirit. We can do it because we have the ingredients. We can become the answer. Most Christians lack confidence. We have so much and yet we are not bold.

When we have righteousness, peace and joy we will become the agent of change and change everything around us. That's why the church must be released. God don't want us to be part of a religion but an agent of change. In order to change others, we must be changed first.

If we have these ingredients in our life; righteousness, peace and joy, we will be in a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. The world has no answers. We have answers and can do what God asks us to do. When we receive the Holy Spirit we will receive power from on high.

How Do We Receive This Joy?

Psa 16:11 You will make Me know the way of life; in Your presence is fullness of joys. At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

In God's Presence there is fullness of joy. When we find God we find joy. God is our exceeding joy.

Psa 43:4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; yea, on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

If we find God and stay in His Presence, worship in His presence, and know His Presence we will find joy. If we want to find joy, we must know how to find His Presence, touch Him, talk to Him, commune with Him, etc.

Joy is not happiness. We are happy because of happenings. Something good we are happy, something bad we are sad. Joy is more than this. Joy is about knowing Him and His Presence and relating to the Father. In the natural, we can feel happy with we talk to certain people but some people will just bring us down. Joy is the knowledge of a good person who is our friend and we feel strong.

Joy is the knowledge and the strength of God in our heart. When this happen we will be more confident and more bold because someone is attached to us. We need an assurance of somebody good to back us up and support us. All of us need this because we are not complete in ourselves. When we join God a new strength comes out of us. To know what God approves us and behind us and stands with us is such joy. Joy is the special feeling in our heart where we feel God is our side.

IF we don't touch Him and communicated with Him but just wait for something to happen, joy can't come. We can only feel happy or sad. Joy is consistent. If God is with us, and have the assurance in our heart and we are aligned to Him. When we develop this, we will have strength.

When we worship God, we enter into His Presence. After all is over, the feeling that is left behind is the assurance that God is with us and He is in control. That's why the next day we can go to work with joy because God is on our side. The more time we spend with God, the more confident we are in Him and the more joy we will have. When we cannot trust anything, we can trust and be dependent on God.

This is the reason why we can stand still in the midst of the storm. Everything outside can be changing but we will not be afraid.

Psa 91:1 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall rest under the shadow of the Almighty.*

Psa 91:2 *I will say of Jehovah, my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him I will trust.*

Psa 91:3 *Surely He will deliver you from the fowler's trap and from the destroying plague.*

Psa 91:4 *He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall trust. His truth shall be your shield, and buckler.*

Psa 91:5 *You shall not fear the terror by night; nor because of the arrow that flies by day;*

Psa 91:6 *nor for the plague that walks in darkness, of the destruction laying waste at noonday.*

Psa 91:7 *A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you.*

If we hide under the shadows of His wings, nothing can harm us. The Presence of God gives us new strength. To have joy, we need the God factor. It is the incredible sense that everything will be well. In the midst of circumstances and everything is going wrong yet in our heart we know everything will be right; that is the Presence of God. This is the secret of joy where we know God's protection.

Psa 91:14 *Because He has set His love on Me, therefore I will deliver Him; I will set Him on high, because He has known My name.*

Psa 91:15 *He shall call on Me, and I will answer Him; I will be with Him in trouble; I will deliver Him, and honor Him.*

Psa 91:16 *With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.*

There must come a point in our life where we love God's word, presence, house, people and attached to the people there and God the Father. Because of our attachment to God and His people, He will bless us and deliver us.

Zion is the joy of the whole earth. When we come to the church and touch God, we are bring joy to the whole earth. Everything is collapsing and only one that is rising; the Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

This prayer must be our prayer

God remove every barrier that is preventing me coming close to You.