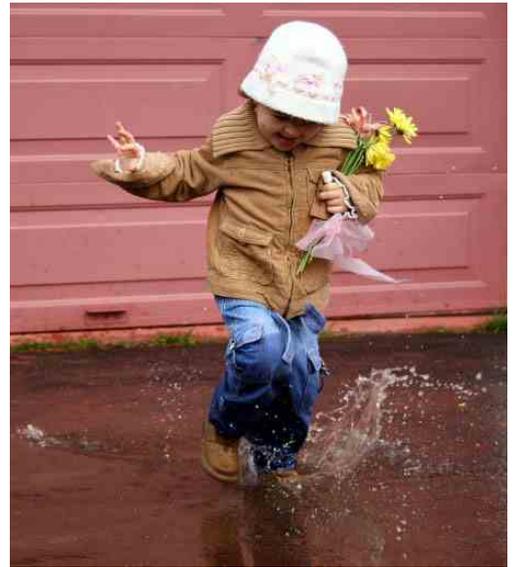


"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." Romans 7:22 KJV

Remember puddle stomping? There was just something very satisfying about parting the shallow water. Remember sailing paper boats? Puddles made rainy days delightful! To delight in something is to gain great pleasure from it. Ice cream delights me! The symphony delights me! Faith is not a fetter, but key to eternal delight! It is the joy of my life! It unlocks the heart of God and unfetters sinners! Fulfillment of desire does not necessarily always bring delight. *ōWhen lust (carnal/earthly desire) hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.ō* Sin becomes sorrow and Holiness becomes happiness. *ōServants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.ō* Jesus said, *ōTake my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.ō* A wedding vow is not a yoke or a ring a burden to the bride and groom, but a sacred commitment of mutual delight! Work is hardly pleasure, but long hours of hard labor are often endured to please the object of one's affection. *ōSet your affection on things above.ō* What gives you the most pleasure? The company of a treasured friend? The kiss of a loved one? We enjoy things, because they delight us. We love others, because their affection delights us; not their gifts. We may demonstrate affection with gifts and doing those things that we know please, but it is done out of sincere gratitude of delight. When we love someone, their delight, delights us! A father delights in an obedient son, because his obedience demonstrates his heart. Our deeds manifest our heart *ōfor where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.ō* Try to imagine all that God is, all He can do, and how much He loves you. Now, think of this: God desires, nay, takes pleasure in you and is extremely wounded when you reject or disbelieve Him, because first, He cannot lie, and secondly, He loves you! *ōWe love Him, because He first loved us. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.ō* When His children are sorrowful, God is deeply concerned. *ōThe LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.ō* The closer we come to Him, the closer He is to us. *ōDraw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.ō* Do you delight in God?



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The Law of God is His desire,
For those ensnared in sinful mire,
It will release their fettered soul,
Delight their heart and make them whole! -CGP

Do we really find pleasure in obeying God, because we truly desire to please Him? Do we demonstrate our affection with our obedience? Faith is believing that God's Word is true; that He loves us; and that He will forgive every humble penitent that seeks His forgiveness. We obey God, because we believe God and we delight in His favor! Is our obedience to impress men or is it the expression of a sincere heart of gratitude to our Saviour? Perhaps a glimpse of the fires of hell and its tortured tenants might reheat our fervor and love for our Deliverer and empower our obedience. Dear Believer, does God delight in you? Does your obedience reveal a heart of love for Him?

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 KJV