

*"Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye **Rejoice With Joy Unspeakable** and full of glory:" 1 Peter 1:8 KJV*



Do you ever ponder why God is so dear to you? Why you love Him? Why you believe? What compels you that the Word of God is Truth? Your faith: It is the proof that God is. *"Now Faith Is the substance of things Hoped for, THE EVIDENCE of things not seen. Not of yourself; It Is The Gift of God."* If you have it, God Gave it to you, therefore, He Is. Faith Proves

God's Existence, but why do you love Him? It is one thing to believe in a person's existence, it's quite another to love them. Do we love Him, or do we just love His provision? Is God an addition to our life, or IS He our Life? Does the thought of Jesus in all His beauty and glory cause your heart to quicken? Does His Whisper of Truth send you into rapturous thought? Does the *"Still Small Voice"* bring a tear to your eye or have you even heard it? Are you straining to catch His faintest Whisper, or does the cacophony of the daily grind distract you? It's been said that, *"You can be so heavenly minded that you're no earthly good."* This is a lie of Satan! The more Heavenly minded we are the more useful we become on earth. The closer I walk with the Saviour the more beneficial I become to my family, friends, and acquaintances. The more I meditate on God's Word, the sweeter my disposition becomes to others. There is no "down side" to being "Heavenly minded." Some prate about their faith with a proud obnoxious tone, ready to argue at the drop of a hat over the meaning of some passage of scripture, but a walk with the Master will humble you. You will not need to proclaim your faith; it will be self-evident, and will include your proclamation of the Gospel. If you truly walk with God, your life will proclaim your faith, and your lips will proclaim your Redeemer, because of the Joy He brings to your life. *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear."* Jesus said, *"I Am Come that they might have Life, and that they might have It more abundantly." In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men. If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another."* Walking in the Light is obeying God, because you believe and trust Him.

Joy unspeakable and hope secure,  
Two things that compel us to endure,  
A walk with God will our faith refine,  
And fill our lives with His Joy Divine! –CGP

Our Joy depends on our Hope; our Hope depends on our Faith. *"For we Are Saved by Hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Faith Is...The Evidence of things NOT SEEN."* Our Faith depends on our time spent meditating on and obeying God's Word. *"As he THINKETH in his heart so is he."* We'll rejoice over What Is Coming, and Who we are with, now, if we truly walk with God!

*"Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's Sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for Joy: for, behold, your Reward Is Great in Heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets." Luke 6:22-23 KJV*