

*“Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And There Was Great Joy in that city.” Acts 8:5-8 KJV*



There are many sorrows which plague the fallen sons of Adam. Not the lest of which is Death itself. I personally have experienced the death of loved ones, friends, and acquaintances. I have also had two debilitating strokes which have left me in a motorized chair. BUT I am eyewitness to the amazing Power of God and His Word! Where Christ is preached “Great Joy” is always found somewhere in some heart! God promised, “So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My Mouth: It shall not return unto me void, but It shall accomplish that which I please, and It shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” What God says is “so...and, behold, it [is] very good.” What value can you place on a healed soul? A soul granted audience with its Creator, forever? A soul which can endure the tempests of life with “Joy unspeakable and full of Glory?” A soul that can commune with God in sweet fellowship of kindred Spirit? A soul which can yield to the Master’s will in perfect Peace, because they love Him? Elisabeth Elliot, wife of martyred missionary Jim Elliot, wrote, “Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one’s thoughts.” Faith trusts God even in the darkest night! We will never sound the depths of God’s Love for us, though it be our sole purpose through eternity! “Nay, in all these things WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM that Loved us. 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.” Paul learned the hard way that unbelievers will never yield to human reasoning and logic when it comes to faith in God. “Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars’ hill, and said, ‘Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.’ And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, ‘We will hear thee again of this matter.’ So Paul departed from among them.” His conclusion when he came to Corinth; “And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” If they won’t believe God’s Word they won’t believe you either!

Great Joy is had when Christ is preached,  
For He will heal the soul that’s reached,  
For those who Truth do truly meet,  
Will find that Christ meets ev’ry need! ~CGP

To walk with God is to obey His Word; walk the Way He is going, not your way! I like the words of the old hymn, “Holy, Holy, is what the angels sing, and I expect to help them make the courts of Heaven ring; But when I sing Redemption’s Story, they will fold their wings, for angels never knew the Joy that our salvation brings.” Serving the Love of your life is not serving, it is joyful companionship!

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant Mercy hath begotten us again unto a Lively Hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 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: Receiving the end of your Faith, even the Salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:3, 8-9 KJV*