



Joy in Life

Know Who You Are

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God is willing to do mighty works in your life, and I pray that He just pours out His love and blessing all over you. God is full of joy; He is never grieved, never anxious, never tired or worried. He knows you better than you know yourself and has designed you with a specific plan and purpose for your life. His hope is that we all come to know Him so well that we begin to *think* like He does. However, the only way we can get to know someone intimately is by spending time with him or her. There is just no substitute for time. What's the first thing you *think* about when you get up?

I've learned that the best way to greet God is in my pajamas. What father or mother doesn't love it when the first thing their children do when they wake up is to run into the living room, jump on their lap in their pajamas, and say, "Good morning, I love you"? The best time spent with the Father is before the cares of this world have time to get into your head and the battle to crowd Him out begins. As believers, we should be the happiest people in the world because we have Him and all of His blessings to *think* about; our attitude should be one of expectancy, "expect a miracle."

Hebrews 4:16 says we are to come fearlessly, confidently, and boldly to the throne of grace and to get mercy and help *exactly when we need them*. When you ask, ask big—it's a big God we serve, and He loves us enough to take care of our finances, our health, our insecurities, and every other need that we might have. Once we begin to *think* about how much God loves us, all else will fall into place.

STEP FOUR: KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

THE EXCHANGED LIFE

God is a God of abundance, spaciousness, and plenty. When He spoke the world into being, did He create one tree, one river, one animal, or one star, and ask us all to enjoy them? Are the oceans small, the rivers short, or the universe limited? Or is He limitless? Did He send His Son to die on the cross for one sin, or did He place the burden of all sin—past, present, and future—on Him? Does Jesus promise to give us half of His love, joy, peace, or prosperity?

These questions do have answers, and I hope to show that you do not have to go through this life doing without or being miserable. Knowing the truth of the riches, grace, and favor our eternal God is willing to lavish upon us is what sets us free to be blessed and be a blessing to others. God has shown us through the life of His Son that we, as His children, are entitled to be blessed beyond measure. What we have to do is be obedient to what He says.

Somewhere along the line, believers have compromised the truth of God's Word and have allowed the world and the devil to dictate the way we should live, rather than have God show us how He wants us to live. Jesus said, "The thief comes only in order to steal, and to kill, and destroy. ***I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)***" (John 10:10, Amplified Bible). Quite a contrast!

JESUS CAME TO GIVE US HIS LIFE, SO WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21)

JESUS WAS NOT POOR, BUT MADE HIMSELF POOR, SO THAT WE MAY BECOME RICH.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)

JESUS FREELY EXCHANGED HIS LIFE FOR US.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. (Phil. 2:8)

Jesus was the spotless and blameless Lamb of God who knew no sin, but God treated Him as if He had committed every sin of every person. He did it on our behalf, so that even though we are not righteous, we might become righteous. *On the cross, God treated Jesus as if He lived your life, so He could treat you as if you lived His.*

By one man's sin (Adam), we were cursed and cast out of the garden and forced into the wilderness. **By one man's sacrifice** (Jesus), the curse was lifted, and we were taken out of the wilderness and restored back into the garden. Because of the price He paid and the acceptance of His payment, we can now enter into His kingdom, where there is blessing upon blessing, a kingdom where love and abundance are poured in us and through us.

HOW DO WE RECEIVE HIS BLESSING?

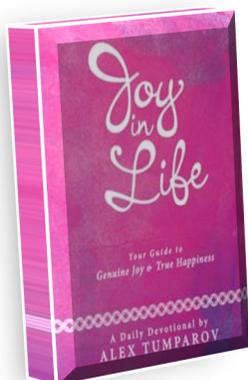
Have you ever admitted that you are a sinner and asked God to forgive you? Have you ever accepted Christ's death on the cross as payment for your sin and asked Him to come into your heart? If not, you cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

Jesus told Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, ***"Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"*** (John 3:3).

Do you have a pass to enter into kingdom living?

Your Guide to Genuine Joy & True Happiness is a process that requires faith in God and sincere effort on your part. Get to know God better because what He wants above anything else is intimacy with you.

You are His prized possession.



Our job is to let you know how much God loves you. *We would really appreciate your comments and prayer requests.*

"Much Joy in Life"

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