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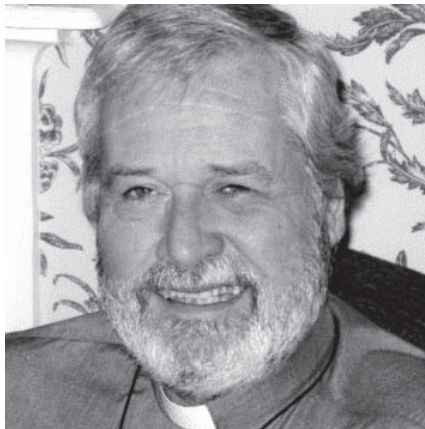
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## The Astonishingly Simple Good News

*Rev. Mike Endicott. An original item written for Wholeness, Feb. 2014.*

What to do? It is plain that many parts of the worldwide Christian Church are in decline. In response, an uncountable number of concerned members at every level of ministry devise a kaleidoscopic variety of recovery programmes as they seek the true seed of revival, or at the very least, an increase in church membership. And yet, despite all their efforts, the falling-away continues remorselessly with churches dying the death of a thousand initiatives. I don't have another as-yet-untried method of renewal to offer you; but I do have a suggestion, a suggestion so simple it will probably surprise you. Putting it into action will risk parts of the organisation dying, but at least we will have been obedient to our calling. Interested? Here it is.

On His way back to heaven, Jesus offered His disciples a sandwich (we know it better as "the Great Commission"). Actually, 'offer' might not be a good word to use in this context; far from being an option, the Commission contains a divine command to all of us to eat it; yes, to eat a sandwich. The Commission is put together in three layers: a slice of bread on top (think Jesus), and another slice underneath



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(think Jesus again), with you and me being the inviting filling in the middle. This is the God-designed, God-required, working partnership between Him and us; with 'the sandwich' being a paraphrase of Matthew 28.18 – 20:

God's job: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Our job: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

God's job: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

So, the partnership looks like this: He does His bit if we do our bit. He rebuilds creation as we teach what Jesus taught. Did anyone else work with this partnership formula? Did anyone else proclaim, stand back, and see God go to work? Watch Moses and then watch Joshua, watch Elijah on Mt Carmel, watch Jesus in the gospels, watch the 12 and then the 72 disciples, watch Paul, Barney and the Deacons Phil and Steve, watch the mission of anyone in the early church. They all did it! They in no way relied, as we do, on specialist skills, committees, visiting ministries, ecumenical practices, or even sacraments. They did what Jesus told them to do; they taught what Jesus taught them to teach. And what was that? The same thing Jesus proclaimed of course, the good news of the kingdom of God!

The divine deal is so simple - we proclaim, and He does the rest, restoring the mess we have made of His creation. Who is responsible for the restoration? Let us look

again at the bottom piece of bread - He is here with us as we do it His way; He is responsible. Wherever we are, and whatever we are faced with, He is there to perform His good pleasure. All the resources and all the responsibility are His. There is no pressure on us!

To put this message in a nutshell, we proclaim 'cross and kingdom', and He then turns up and does the healing, the blessing, the saving, and

the restoring. It's a working partnership, based on mutual trust, just as in any other successful partnership. The power of God is in the message of the cross; and since faith comes by hearing, we are certainly expected to make a noise about the gospel. As we speak it out, faith is quickened, and then He can do his bit. Those who say, "But God is God! It's up to us to just pray, and then God will do as He likes!" have never tried to carry out His kingdom business the way that God has always required the church to do it. We may have been faithfully praying for the manifestation of God's love and healing power, but none of the names I have just listed are recorded as having ministered in that way. They proclaimed the good news of cross and kingdom, and the sick got healed in droves. They did their bit, He did his bit, and the kingdom advanced; for what could stop it!?

**Here's the challenge for the present:** most of the church doesn't know how to do it God's way. We've forgotten how to proclaim the good news of cross and kingdom; we've forgotten how to work in harmony with God. It's so easy to learn; all we need to do is try! The Israelites first stepped into the Jordan River, and then the miraculous happened. Here's how to step out today, in seven easy do-it-yourself steps:

**Step 1:** take on board that the Garden of Eden, the Promised Land, heaven on earth, paradise, the New Jerusalem, the kingdom of God, are all just different names for the same place. It's a place where redeemed man lives in complete harmony with God, with everyone else, and with himself.

**Step 2:** take on board that when God laid down His Genesis-kingdom blueprint, He looked it over and said, "This is very good." There was no cancer, no arthritis, no relationship



From the  
Editor

## Pleasure or Joy

The writer of Ecclesiastes offers us several insights into his philosophy of life, ranging from sensualism, through morality to Calvinism.

"... the only pleasure we have in this life is eating and drinking and enjoying ourselves." (Ecc. 8.15) "Do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire. But remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do." (Ecc. 11.9)

"...Have reverence for God, and obey his commands, because this is all we were created for." (Ecc. 12.13)

Reverence is good, but Jesus' teaching, and indeed his very incarnation, brings a whole new revelation concerning what our priorities should be. "Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6.33) In following this command, and for that matter in following Jesus Himself, we are applying our faith that God's word is true, and that God is faithful. In other words, we are the ones described in Hebrews 11.6, "He who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him." And what is the reward that results from the application of such faith? A life no longer bound up in seeking the pleasures described by Solomon, but one which seeks to please God, and thereby obtain the eternal joy that is to be tasted in the present life. Surely every person would not hesitate to trade the pursuit of pleasure for the free gift of joy, if only their eyes were opened to the opportunity in front of them. "If you knew the gift of God ... you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (John 4.10)

How wonderful it is that we know who is offering us divine and eternal blessings; the same one who is calling us to forsake ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow Him. Following Jesus certainly involves sacrifice, but far from a grim, austere existence, "As Scripture says, 'Streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me.'" (John 7.38 GW)

We are promised the very thing that the entire world is seeking, without their knowing they seek it, real joy. In grateful response let us each decide afresh to put God's kingdom first. Let us each make a new commitment to seeking and obeying the will of Him who created us, who gave us rebirth, and who destined us for an eternity in glory with Him. Amen.

*And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure, because you protect me from the power of death. I have served you faithfully, and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead. You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.*

*(Psalm 16.9-11)*



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breakdowns, no grief, no sorrow, and no everything else that prevents us from leading that originally blueprinted life of abundance. Now, agree that it isn't like that for most of us nowadays. We live in a mess!

**Step 3:** watch the arrival of the New Jerusalem in the last book of the Bible. It's the same place in which we began! No more sickness, and no more tears; it's Eden restored. Pause to reach the obvious conclusion: it started being fabulous, and it will end being fabulous. Here and now, between these two eras, it's a mess. Here and now God's overriding will is to restore mankind to the state he was in before the fall, to get His people from Genesis to Revelation.

**Step 4:** accept that out of His grace He has ordained that we don't have to wait that long to see His kingdom. He has sent Jesus in advance of the final Day of Judgement. When He was with us in the flesh He really only did two

things before setting off towards Jerusalem; He proclaimed the kingdom and He healed. He proved the Father's nature and the Father's plan by demonstration. Jesus healed everyone who asked Him to, in total accord with the Father's will to restore the mess that's been made of His blueprint.

**Step 5:** note that this next bit is really interesting, and is quite contrary to a great deal of modern teaching. Jesus never said, 'No.' He never said, 'Wait.' He never said, 'Maybe, maybe not.' 'No, you're a sinner.' 'No, your doctrine isn't perfect.' He never told a supplicant He would have to pray about their sickness or their situation to discover God's will for them; He knew it already, and He just said, 'Yes!' In truth He only ever said, 'Yes.' Oh, He did add that He was only doing what he saw the Father doing. And what does that mean for us? It means that we can banish the negative thought, "Well, that's all fine, but I am not Jesus!" Banish it! Jesus made it irrelevant by saying, "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14.12) Could we possibly need more proof that we are the agents of God's "Yes"? Well, here is some more anyway, "But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not 'Yes' and 'No.' For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not 'Yes' and 'No,' but in him it has always been 'Yes.' For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God." (2 Corinthians 1.18 - 20) Can you say Amen to that?!

**Step 6:** behold the deserted cross that is the exclamation mark at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. It is a finished and a perfect work, with the gate that leads back to Eden now permanently open. Limitless grace now flows to accomplish God's ongoing

work of restoration. As with so much else in our Christian lives, acceptance comes first, followed by understanding later, not the other way around. When we can accept God's grace by faith, we are well on the journey home.

**And this is the big Step 7:** we need to trust, even without understanding how, that the work of Calvary is completed. By His wounds we are healed! We need to proclaim that wholeness and healing belong to the supplicant because of what Jesus has done! That's the whole nature of the King and His kingdom, and the central message of the cross. The river of grace

is flowing now, and will always do so. Healing and wholeness and the restoration to the Eden condition are all packaged in the gift called forgiveness, being intrinsic components of the same act of God, flowing together to bring wholeness to all who will cry out for it.

Oh church, our problem is not a question of how best to get God to bring about this restoration. Our problem is to persuade ourselves and others to step into the river that is already flowing. If only we could bring ourselves to cease our incessant whining at God, and shift gear into praise and thanksgiving for the greatest, most wondrous thing He has ever provided. What might that be? The cross! "He who sacrifices thank-offerings honours me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." (Psalm 50.23)

Martin Luther is credited with having said, "All I have to do is proclaim the good news of the kingdom, sit back with a few good German beers, and watch God go to work!" We need to join him, at least in the proclaiming and in the watching part. Then we will be answering the question that so many are asking, "What to do?" Doing things God's way is the end of the matter, it is always the end of any matter.

## A Place to Pray

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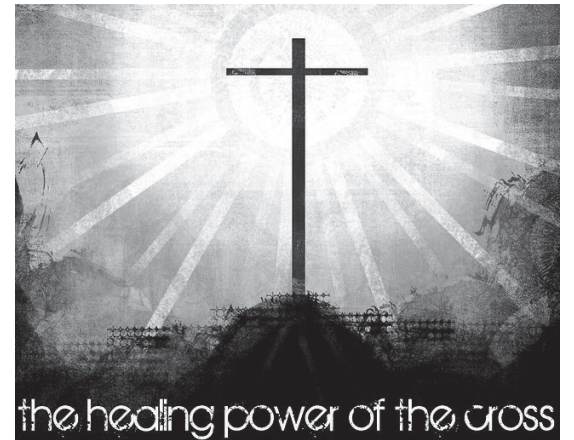
"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." (Luke 5.16)

If this was the pattern of Jesus' life, then how much more should this be a pattern in our lives. There is no reason for it not to be so. Suzanna Wesley had ten children in a small home; and her only lonely place to pray was to throw her apron over her head. Her children knew that when she did this she was before the throne of God. Her sons, Charles and John Wesley, changed the world with the gospel. What will happen when we find a lonely place to pray?

# The Defeat of Sin and Sickness

*Kerry Medway. Based on 'Kerry's Kommentary No 10. Healing for Dummies'*

"He was pierced for our transgressions (sins); he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds (stripes) we are healed." (Isaiah 53.5)



Isaiah 53 is a prophecy recorded about 681 BC. It describes with astonishing clarity Christ's mission and His death at Calvary several centuries later. In the verse above we see all that Jesus accomplished for us on the Cross. The words, "He was pierced for our transgressions," highlight Jesus' primary purpose for going to the Cross: to suffer and die for mankind's sin. It is beyond understanding, but in His death on the Cross Jesus met in full God's judgment on sin.

The second part of the verse, "He was crushed for our iniquities," points to Jesus' broken body providing healing for those hurts buried below the surface of our lives. The Hebrew word translated as "crushed" literally means "bruised or bleeding below the skin." In Luke 4.18 Jesus outlined His mission, and one of the six things Jesus said He had come to do was "to release the oppressed." The Greek word used here for "oppressed" is the word "thranow," which parallels the Hebrew word for "crushed/bruised" from Isaiah 53.5. Every bruise inflicted on the body of Jesus was a means of providing healing for our inner hurts.

The third clause, "and by his wounds we are healed," emphasises how Jesus obtained healing for our sicknesses through the Cross. Since sin is the root cause of sickness in the world, Jesus' death & victorious resurrection dealt them both a terminal blow. In Matthew chapter 8 we find verse 17 inserted right in the middle of several accounts of Jesus' healing ministry. "This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.'" It is clear that Christ's death at Calvary, and the purpose of His suffering, included carrying our diseases. Peter understood this with total conviction, "Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed." (1 Peter 2.24) Without doubt there is an integral connection between sin and disease, and just as surely, Jesus, as the suffering servant, bore both and supplied the remedy for both.

If we accept that our sins are dealt with through Jesus' death and resurrection, then we can be just as assured that our healing has also been purchased. Let us each accept Jesus' words from Luke 17.19 as being spoken to us personally, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well!"



# ORDER OF ST. LUKE

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Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10.10 NIV)

How full a life do we have? Do we appreciate the beauty of the world around us? Here in New Zealand we have some of the most beautiful scenery anywhere, but how much do we take it for granted? At a deeper level, do we appreciate how blessed we are with the amount of freedom we have here? In so many countries dictatorship means restrictions over free speech, movement, and even life itself. We are made aware daily of the turmoil and suffering associated with the rigid regimes that rule in so many places. There is great darkness in too much of the world.

Of course, wherever we live we have limits on what we can do, with financial constraints leaving so much of the population little on which to come and go. This is shown by the pressure on social services, like food banks and church missions, especially at Christmas time. But putting our social and financial situations aside, in terms of having life in all its fullness, or in all its 'abundance' as the RSV puts it, what do we see of the only fullness that really matters, the one quickened by the glory of God?

The Order of St Luke was recently given a challenge: we were reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 5.14, "You are the light of the world." Now if Jesus is relying on us to light up the world, how bright is that world? God wants to light our lamp so we can shine and glow. The passage in John's Gospel 17.20-26 is worth reading and reflecting on. Note especially verse 22, "I have given them [the believers] the glory that you gave me." Can we, as believers, radiate that glory more effectively? What does our Christian life communicate? Are we being effective in promoting the Gospel? In order to fully radiate the glory of God, I believe that we need to spend much time in His presence; in prayer and reflection, in meditation

and contemplation. This precious time must include reading the Scriptures, which are so essential in providing the foundation of a relationship with the Lord. Practising this discipline will make the name of Immanuel a reality, "God with us."

The story is told of a missionary in India. As he waited to meet a friend, someone rushed up to him and spoke some words that the missionary did not understand. When the friend arrived he explained that the person kneeling in front of the missionary was calling him "Glory Face." This true story describes what should be commonplace for the members of the Body of Christ. Read again in Exodus 34 what Moses' countenance was like after he had spent time with God.

The challenge facing us is to seek the moving of the Holy Spirit, not just in the Order, but throughout God's Church in the world. The Order is here to serve the Church through teaching, preaching, ministering to the sick and needy, providing teaching materials, and, most importantly, through demonstrating the glory of God through our lives and relationships. I believe that we can all, whoever and wherever we are, be lights in this world; inviting other Christians to share in regular fellowship, and inviting non-Christians to join groups as well. Who knows, we may find ourselves entertaining angels! In the Letter to the Hebrews chapter 13 verse 2 we read, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." What an encouragement to be hospitable!

So, may I pray that you will be lights in the part of the world in which you live, and that you will wholeheartedly seek the glory of God. May God bless you and keep you in His love.

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## Stop Press

As a result of an appeal last year, the OSL were able to obtain a laptop for Asaha Udom, the Nigeria National Chaplain. If anyone knows of a traveller who is able to take it from New Zealand or Australia to Nigeria it would be an answer to prayer.

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## Proving Your Worth

Based on the writings of John Borman, Faith for Daily Living

"You yourself know how he has proved his worth." (Philippians 2.22)

Sometimes you can buy a product and think to yourself, "My, but I've paid a lot for that. I shouldn't have wasted so much money." Later, when it has served you faithfully for many years, and the price of new ones has escalated, you may well say, "I thought at the time I was paying too much for it, but it has proved its worth over and over again."



People can also prove their worth; by their productivity, diligence, reliability and loyalty.

Paul had met Timothy on one of his missionary journeys, and Timothy had committed himself to serving Christ with Paul. He then accompanied the senior apostle on many occasions, and was his faithful companion and assistant. The believers at Philippi knew Timothy because he had been with Paul on his first visit to their city. Many journeys and many years

had elapsed before Paul arrived in Rome with Timothy still at his side. He had been faithful, dependable and able. He had proved his worth.

Take a leaf out of Timothy's book. As you follow Jesus, and help to spread the message of his love and mercy, give everything you've got. Go on giving without looking for the limelight or the praise of others. Avoid grumbling and criticizing your fellow disciples, and show your genuine support for those who are "over you in the gospel." Turn your hand to whatever is useful, and pull your weight all of the time, sticking to your task through thick and thin. And when you do see the fruit of your toil, be sure to give all the credit to God. "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2.13)

## "BLESS YOU!"

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Those simple words can be used on so many occasions. Quite apart from being a response to a sneeze, they can be a simple salutation at the end of a letter, a warm greeting, or an affectionate farewell.



John Ryeland

In whatever way the phrase is used, the lovely sentiment behind the words is the heartfelt desire for God to pour out something wonderful, His Fatherly benevolence, on someone for whom we care. And the good news is that this is something He really wants to do! It goes right back to a prayer that God Himself gave to Moses. We read in Numbers 6.22-24: The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you;" ...'" These are the same words God wants to say over us. God wants to do well by us! So often we can think that God wants us to learn to face up to difficulties, or to experience suffering because it is good for us, when what He really wants is to bless us, to shine His face upon us, and to bring us peace.

Let's clarify precisely what it is God wants to bless. Firstly, God wants to bless **us**. It can be so easy to assume that what He wants to bless is our work, our ministries, our efforts or our acts of kindness. Thinking like this can subtly lead us along a pathway of seeking to earn God's approval and love by what we do. Yet His blessing is actually something He wants to give to each of us personally: we are loved for who we are, and not for what we do. Psalm 131.2 presents us with a lovely picture of our relationship with God, likened to a child sitting on their mother's knee. A child is not loved because they are adding to the family finances, or being particularly handy with the DIY; they are loved simply because of who they are. So it is with us!

Secondly, God's desire is to bless you, simply because you are you! How often do we compare ourselves with others, wishing that we were like someone else? The reason God made you the person you are is because the only person He wants you to be like is you! In fact, if you became someone else God would miss you; He would miss the joy of having a unique relationship that is totally different from that which He has with anyone else.

I am constantly struck by the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15, which was told to illustrate God's love for us. A shepherd had 100 sheep and lost one of them. He searched high and low until he found it. His attitude wasn't that he needn't bother to find it since he still had 99 sheep left; every single one mattered - and so do you. One of the big questions people can have about healing is whether God actually wants to heal them. They feel unworthy, or they wonder why God would want to do something for 'little old me.' However, when the truth of God's desire to bless is taken seriously, then why wouldn't He want to bring healing? He loves you, and you matter to Him, so it is only natural that He longs to bless you - to bring to you personally His provision of all the good things He has ready for you. That's His way. That's who He is.

God  
BLESS  
you



## “Come Aside ... and Rest for a While”

Intercessors for New Zealand July 2013

We may spend time in intercession to the Lord; asking for things, pleading for things, or even waging a spiritual battle against the opposition of the enemy, but the time comes when the Lord Jesus says to us the same words He spoke to His other disciples,



“Come aside to a quiet place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” (Mark 6.31) God loves to spend time with us, alone, as we wait on Him, rest in His presence, enjoy His company, listen to His words, and are refreshed by the ministry of His Spirit. Each passage below illuminates the truth that God delights in our spending time with Him.

Genesis 3.8-10 “Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze ... and the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ Adam said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden ...’” The impression is that this was a common occurrence, God coming to His children in the Garden of Eden, and sharing with them in fellowship. Then tragedy unfolded; the man and the woman sinned and the intimacy of their fellowship with God was broken. But praise God; through the death and resurrection of Christ we can again enjoy intimacy with our Lord God. Today! Now!

Psalms 23.1-3 “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.” The world can offer nothing by comparison to the refreshing we receive when we wait on the Lord; not to mention the total assurance in which we abide as He faithfully leads us.

Luke 10.41,42 Martha had welcomed Jesus into her home. Her sister Mary was sitting at His feet and listening to what He was saying, while Martha was busy with her many tasks. To address her stress, “the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her.’”

There is a right thing for each of us too; sitting at the feet of Jesus, in His company, listening to His voice.

Matthew 17.1-8 Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. There they saw the Son of Man, Jesus the Messiah, transfigured before them. They witnessed a glimpse of His true

Heavenly glory and majesty. “... he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light ... a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen

to him!’” Are our ears open? Are our eyes on Him? Are we in His holy presence? Of course we have sorrows and pain, and of course the world around us has a multitude of problems, but the only way these will be addressed is if we are listening to Him, and if we are hearing Him.

Matthew 8.23-27 (Phillips) “Then he went aboard the boat, and his disciples followed him. [Disciples are followers of their Master!] Before long a terrific storm sprang up and the boat was awash with the waves. Jesus was sleeping soundly and the disciples went forward and woke him up. ‘Lord, save us!’ they cried. ‘We are drowning!’

‘What are you so frightened about, you little-faiths?’ he replied. Then he got to his feet and rebuked the wind and the waters and there was a great calm. The men were filled with astonishment and kept saying, ‘Whatever sort of man is this - why, even the wind and the waves do what he tells them!’”

Who is He? He is the Creator of the wind and the waves! He made them; He stopped them! He slept, at perfect peace, because He was always in control. Oh to know the peace - which passes all human understanding - accompanied by the assurance that He, the I AM, is in full control of every situation we face!

Revelation 8.1-4 “When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand.”

Wow, there was absolutely no sound in Heaven as everything became silent before the Lamb, and then the prayers of the saints ascended like incense to the throne of God! Doesn’t that encourage you to wait on God; to worship Him and pray?

## The Christian’s Joy

The Vine Today

“My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”

(Luke 1.47)

This verse from Mary’s song shows us the secret of all deep Christian joy. We have no real and lasting contentment until we are in God’s family, and until God is the refuge of our souls. The prophet said, “Let the inhabitants of the rock sing!” (Isaiah 42.11) And surely the ones who can sing with lasting gladness are the inhabitants of the Rock, those who are in the shelter of the Rock of Ages, those who trust in the Lord.



During the battle of Gettysburg there was a little bird on a tree that would sing a few notes every time there was a lull in the awful roar of battle; but when the explosions began again, its song would cease. That is the way with this world’s joy; it offers a few melodious strains now and then, in the pauses of life’s struggles and discontent, but when the waves of sorrow break its voice is drowned. It cannot sing in loss, in bereavement, in the hour of dying; ultimately the world’s songs all become laments. But one who rejoices in God has a joy that sings on through all the clamour of conflict, through all the darkness of night. This is so because the seat of such joy is not one’s emotions nor understanding, but one’s eternal spirit.

Troubles come to the Christian, but they do not rob him of his joy. He may be in difficulty or sorrow, but all the while there is a fountain welling up in his heart. It is like a freshwater spring by the seashore; though the saltwater tides regularly roll over it, the spring never ceases to flow. When the brackish waves roll back the waters of the spring are still as sweet as ever. That is the way with the Christian’s joy; it is a living well in his heart. Even in great sorrow, he has a surpassing peace in the depths of his soul.

The permanence of all joy depends upon the source from which it comes. If it be in God that we rejoice, then earth has no power to take our gladness from us. That which is provided by God is of the spirit - eternal, unshakeable, “... your hearts will be full of joy, and no one will take your joy away from you.” (John 16.22)

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“Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
look full in His wonderful face;  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of His glory and grace!”

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