

Restore the Joy of Your Salvation

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Have you had trouble remembering how wonderful it was the day you were born-again, (the day you accepted Jesus)? Do you remember how excited you were when you realized your life was changing for the better? How about the day you realized you were finally fulfilled in ways you never thought possible?

To remember the day of salvation, must mean we are to be joyful about it because the Bible says, we are to restore the joy of our Salvation. It is such a full, rich life. First of all, we are forgiven for every wrong thing we have ever said, thought, or done and then God says we have eternal life with Him.

Wow! We are blessed! Freedom from sin plus eternal life is joy!

I believe too many times after Salvation, people become so involved in many areas of the church; but if the business takes away your time with the Lord in prayer, or from reading the Bible, you are too busy. It can also rob you of your joy.

As believers, we need to take time to reflect on our free gift of Salvation from the Lord.

It didn't seem to matter what you were doing at the time. The Holy Spirit continually wooed you to the cross. Finally, you responded and received the forgiveness of your sins. The Holy Spirit began to draw you into the Bible and as you obeyed His prompting, you began to change inside. You began to feel happy and full of so much joy you didn't know what to do with it all. The joy caused you to share Jesus with others, and now you don't do it anymore. It made your light appealing to those lost in darkness. But now you are too involved to think about others.

When we receive Jesus, we should ask Him to grant us a willing spirit to obey His leading in our lives. I know as you follow His leading and not your own, you are much more blessed and good things begin to happen. It is God's pleasure to bring you joy.

GOD DESIRES TO BRING YOU JOY!

It is not God's desire for you to be converted just so you can hardly maintain and hold on until the end.

He does not want you to be a whimpering, impoverished and frightened Christian. He does not want you to be a timid, whimpering, coward in the corner, hoping Jesus will come and rescue you out of your troubles.

When you received Salvation, He brought you out from all the old junk in your life, He rescued you from all your troubles, He healed your body, He delivered you from the grip of the enemy,

He indwells you. You have His might and power within you. He may even have healed your broken body and comforted you at times of mourning.

His job is to set you free, to bind up the brokenhearted and to comfort all those who mourn. Jesus redeemed you and wants you to be a yielded vessel through whom He might minister the fullness of His salvation to the earth.

You were never called to merely go to Heaven. You were called to minister from within the veil. You have only begun, you can't stay where you are now, you have to grow in power and might.

The Israelites never entered the Promised Land. Even though God's plan was to bring them out of Egypt and into Canaan, out of bondage and into the land flowing with milk and honey. They wanted to do their own thing and were rebellious.

Even though they rebelled, the Lord still provided food for them. They had clothes that didn't wear out and shoes that maintained their durability. That would be nice to have as often as children grow out of their shoes. God took care of them no matter what went on, because they were His children.

You are His child. Read the Word and believe that God will provide for you. Trust Him to do it. Stop trying to take it in your own hands. You will not have a joy when you try to do something your way instead of the Lord's. Ask God to give you that willing spirit and to restore the joy of your Salvation.

We are talking about being intimate with the Lord, talking to Him, listening and obeying Him. Sitting in His Presence for a few minutes each day will restore such joy to you that you won't want to miss one time. Reading the Word helps to keep your feet on the right path. It also helps the right things come out your mouth. The Word renews your strength. If you have never received Jesus as your Savior, you won't have this joy that I'm talking about today. I am not talking about just pain laughing and the sillies people get sometimes. I'm talking about the deep joy from the Lord that fills your whole being, the kind that causes you to laugh **with** someone and not at them. You need to have the peace inside that only He can give you! Pray this prayer today and become a new creature in Christ, receive His joy.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I believe You sent Jesus to die for my sins. I believe He died and rose again and is seated in Heaven with You. I ask Him to forgive me of all the wrong things I have said, thought, or done. I invite the Holy Spirit to come into my heart and make me new. Fill me to overflowing with the Holy Spirit and help me to be fulfilled in my life, no matter what happens. I receive your free gift of Salvation today. I also receive your inner healing and the filling of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Name. Amen!

Thank You Lord, for giving my friends Your free Salvation today. I pray You would give them a hunger for Your Word and fill them up to overflowing with Your joy. I pray the void they had in their life is now filled with Your Holy Spirit, in Jesus Name. Amen!

If you have never prayed that prayer before, drop me a line, e-mail me, or let me know by phone. I have a free little book to give you.

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Just do something. If you already have Salvation, pass it on to someone else and receive a blessing.

Don't forget to watch "Healing for the Brokenhearted" on T.V. during the week and listen to the radio program each Friday at 9:30a.m. on WKPR.

We are also going to be airing our weekly T.V. program from Lesea out of Laporte, Indiana.

Remember, for the next two months, **REJOICE IN YOUR SALVATION!** Be willing to change and follow the Lord's leading in every area of your life. Change is good! It really is! Trust God with it!

Have a great summer, play with those precious children and impart your joy to them!