

Be Strong in the Grace That Is in Christ Jesus

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True joy comes from being right with God, living for others, and rejoicing in the Lord, regardless of circumstances.

Scripture: Psalm 97:11, Matthew 25:21, Acts 20:35, Philippians 4:4, James 1:2

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Description

A.B. Simpson emphasizes that true joy comes not from the pursuit of happiness but from being right with God, serving others, and rejoicing in the Lord despite circumstances. He outlines four key conditions for experiencing joy: aligning oneself with God, selflessness, finding joy in the Lord, and obedience to His commands. Simpson encourages believers to act faithfully and trust in God's promises, reminding them that joy is a result of living a life dedicated to Him and others. He concludes with a call to action, urging believers to continually strive for growth and fulfillment in their spiritual journey.

Transcript

How may we enjoy this day? This enjoyment will never come by trying to be happy, and yet there are conditions which, if met, will produce real joy. 1. Be right with God, for gladness [is sown] for the upright in heart (Psalm 97:11). It is His joy that remains in us that makes our joy full. 2. Forget yourself and live for others, for It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). 3. When you cannot rejoice in feelings, circumstances or conditions, rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 4:4), and count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (James 1:2). 4.

Finally, obey the Lord and be faithful to your trust, and again and again His blessed Spirit will whisper to your heart, Well done, thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord (Matthew 25:21).

Not enjoyment and not sorrow Is our destined end or way, But to act that each tomorrow Finds us farther than today. Let us then be up and doing With a heart for any fate, Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait. From "A Psalm of Life" Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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