

The Gift of Joy!

by Basilea Schlink

Jesus' promise of joy is not just a feeling, but a reality that comes from suffering and repentance, leading to intimate union with Him.

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Scripture: Psalm 30:5, Luke 6:21, John 16:22, Romans 8:18, James 1:2

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Description

In this sermon, Basilea Schlink shares her testimony of finding joy in her relationship with God. She describes how her sisterhood experienced tears of repentance and sorrow due to their sins and the difficult circumstances they faced. However, she explains that true joy comes from suffering and drawing close to Jesus. By placing their lives under His will and lordship, they have found true happiness. The sermon emphasizes the importance of intimate union with Jesus and the everlasting joy that comes from praising and loving Him.

Transcript

God lives and works today. Whoever has experienced God's reality in his life has found a spring of ever-flowing joy and blessedness. But what can we do if we don't have His joy? Listen to the testimony of Basilio Schlenk in today's meditation, The Gift of Joy.

The Gift of Joy Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, Chapter 16, Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. That is, the joy in and with him. But what is this joy like? From the moment of our foundation, the birth of our sisterhood, we were more like a child of tears.

On the one hand, there were many tears of repentance because we were constantly shown how much trouble we caused Jesus and our Heavenly Father with our sins, and how guilty we became towards Him and other people. Furthermore, we were born at a time of death and destruction, while bombs were raining upon our city. This, too, meant deep sorrow and tears.

Then God let persecution and disgrace come upon us. That, too, brought tears. And Jesus can still speak of the joy that no one can take from us? What does that mean? In another place, Jesus says, Those who weep here will laugh.

The blissful joy in Jesus comes out of suffering. Repentance and suffering drive us to Him, into His arms, where His blood cleanses us and He draws us to His heart. Suffering, disgrace, and persecution bring us close to Jesus, and intimate union with Him is the happiest thing there is.

What grace has given me Thy beauteous face to see
Near Thee to dwell always Like sweet celestial wine
Drinks in this song of mine Thy loveliness, O Christ
When our sisterhood experienced all this, our joy was
really the way Jesus said it would be. This joy constantly increases. It pervades our everyday life, and we experience it especially in our evening meetings, when we sing of Jesus and His name and His glory, when we praise Him as the Lamb upon the highest throne, the King of all kings, the Lord who will come again in majesty and glory, the Bridegroom of our souls who loves us a thousand times more than any human being could.

Who makes as happy Jesus as you? Therefore my heart rejoices in you Jesus, O joy eternal Jesus, my Lord, my God and my King You fill my heart with praise to sing Jesus, O joy eternal Jesus, no one makes us as happy as He who is eternal joy. Therefore, choose Him. Place your life unto His will and His lordship, and you will become truly happy.

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