

## 20221204 THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR PEACE AND JOY

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<sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

<sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

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<sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

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“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Jesus promised to give us His peace.** John 14:27

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give you**. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**Peace and joy go together.** Hebrews 1:9

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy

## THE FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE AND JOY

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### 1. The first secret of Jesus' joy and peace

***To know that the Father was always with Him***

**Father's presence does not mean everything will be nice and cozy.**

Luke 22, 42-44

<sup>42</sup> “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

<sup>43</sup> An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

<sup>44</sup> And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

## 2. The second secret of Jesus' joy and peace

***To know that God always works FOR those who love Him***

### **Our failure does not mean God's failure.**

1 Timothy 1:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom **I am the worst.**

<sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

### **GOD'S ETERNAL VISION FOR US**

#### **- LIVING IN GOD'S GLORY**

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In Christ,

- God foreknew you.
- God predestined you to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
- God called you.
- God justified you.
- And God already glorified you.

### **THE QUESTION**

**What shall we say in response to God's eternal vision for His children?**

Romans 8:31

<sup>31</sup> **What**, then, **shall we say in response to these things?** If God is for us, who can be against us?

**God is for us!**

### **THREE LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS FROM KNOWING GOD'S ETERNAL VISION FOR HIS CHILDREN**

*Conclusion #1*

**God will give us everything.**

Romans 8:32

<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

*Conclusion #2*

**No charge or condemnation against the children of God.**

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*Conclusion #3*

**No separation from the love of God and the God of love in Jesus Christ.**

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**APPLICATION**

**1. Take a daily dose of God’s eternal vision for us each day.**

- By meditating God’s truth daily (Daily quiet time)

**2. Share God’s eternal vision with others.**

- By telling the good news of Jesus Christ to others
- By learning the truth of God regularly
- By helping others to grow in the truth of God through discipleship