## It is impossible to exaggerate our future joy. July 9, 2006

Just as it is impossible to exaggerate the wrath of God and the exquisite, everlasting torments of the damned in Hell forever – so it is impossible to exaggerate the love of God for His elect as that love manifests itself in their rapturous, everlasting joy. Hyperbole is simply impossible. It is called joy unspeakable and full of glory. The ecstasy of Paul during his brief visit to Paradise left him speechless: How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 2 Cor. 12:4.

1 Pet. 6-9 | Wherein ye greatly rejoice (now)...and at the appearing of Jesus Christ (at which time you will receive the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls | meaning your new bodies) | ye will rejoice with **IOY UNSPEAKABLE** and full of glory.

1 Pet. 12-14 | Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; But rejoice (now), inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christs sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with **EXCEEDING JOY**. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye (now); for the spirit of glory and of God resteth on you; on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

The spirit of joy and thanksgiving **NOW** is most pleasing and acceptable to God. Psa. 50:7-15 | Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee; I am God, even thy God. (no pleasure in burnt offerings) Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer unto God **THANKSGIVING**; and pay thy vows unto the most High; And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Psa, 116:17 - I will offer to thee the sacrifice of **THANKSGIVING**.

Hosea 14:2 - Take with you words, and turn to the Lord; say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously; so will we render the **CALVES OF OUR LIPS**. Heb. 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may

obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Mat. 27:51 – And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.

Heb. 13:15-16 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Psa. 55:16-18 - As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord will save me. **Evening, and morning, and at noon**, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; for there were many with me.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Rom. 8:13-18. It was for the JOY that was set before Him that He endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our **light affliction**, which is **but for a moment**, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor. 4:16-18.

Phil. 4:6 - Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Col. 3:15 - Let the peace of God rule in your hearts...and be ye thankful.

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The aggregate of the seven rewards promised the holy overcomers of the seven churches in Asia - (Rev. 2 and 3) makes out a rather full statement of the glories and joys of Heaven. To-wit: Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Smyrna: Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life...He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. Pergamos: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. Thyatira: And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations; And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers; even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. Sardis: Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Philadelphia: Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name. Laodicea: To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev. 18:20 – Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. Rev. 19:6–7 – And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Rev. 21:7 – He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 1 Cor. 3:21–23 – All things are yours...And ye are Christs; and Christ is Gods.