

## The Joy of Salvation

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*“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit” (Psalm 51:12).*

There are a lot of people in the world who are unhappy. Their days are filled with much sadness and sorrow. But, it doesn't have to be that way for you. A faithful Christian who truly loves the Lord is happy. He or she rejoices in the Lord always (Philippians 4:4).

Why are Christians so happy? Well, there is much to be happy about. A Christian has been enlightened with the truth of God word (Psalm 119:11, 162). A Christian has found the treasure of Jesus Christ (Matthew 13:44). A Christian has been set free from sin (Acts 8:8, 39; 16:34). A Christian has been promised the prize of heaven if he will remain faithful to the end (Matthew 5:12; 1 Peter 1:6-8; 4:13).

It is true that you might find an unfaithful Christian here or there that is not happy. Some Christians are no longer happy because the newness of their life in Christ has worn off. Their relationship with Christ is no longer special to them and the world has taken their joy.

But, for the most part, Christians are faithful and happy. They focus on Jesus (John 16:20-22), they produce the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and they keep looking ahead to heaven (Hebrews 12:2). Come experience the joy of salvation with us! - *Chris Reeves*

## Up-Coming Events

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- We are studying 1 Corinthians in January. We have great Bible classes. Come check them out!
- The next teen Bible study will be January 28 at the Muiznieks' house.
- Next Sunday's Sermons: The Christian Assembly: Part 2 (AM) and Reflections on the Inauguration of Our New President (PM).

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## THE WARFIELD BULLETIN

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Some Things You Cannot Escape

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In the last two bulletins, we have taken a look at some things that demonstrate our accountability to God. We all have free-will and we are all accountable to God for our actions. We studied about some things that every one will do when the Lord returns and we studied about some things that you cannot choose in life.

In today's bulletin, I would like to study one more thing that demonstrates our accountability to God. There are some things that you cannot escape.

A popular belief among many today is the thought that you can just run away from your problems. Run from the law, run from your marriage, run from the responsibilities of raising your children, run from your mistakes, etc.

The truth is, you can run, but you can't hide. There are simply some things that are impossible for man to escape. You cannot escape God, death, responsibilities, or eternal judgment.

You cannot escape the **ALL-SEEING EYE OF GOD**. The psalmist writes: "O Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, And art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, But, lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether" (Psalm 139:1-4).

God sees all things, in all people, and at all times. His eyes are upon the good and the bad, the righteous and the unrighteous (Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 23:24; Hebrews 4:13). When Adam and Eve sinned and tried to run and hide from God, they found out real quick that escape was not possible with God (Genesis 3:7-9).

You cannot escape your **BIRTH OR DEATH**. The Old Testament character named Job suffered greatly and he wished that he had not been born, but he could not go back and undo his birth (Job 3:3). You are here on this earth, so what you going to do with your life? The wisest man Solomon says that the best thing to do is to fear God and keep his commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

You also cannot escape your death. Unless Jesus returns first, you and I will die. Death is an appointment that all mankind will keep. You cannot ignore it, change it, or escape it. The author of Hebrews writes: "And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). You can only "cheat death" so many times!

You cannot escape your **RESPONSIBILITIES**. Jonah tried to run from his responsibilities, but God stopped him and held him accountable (Jonah 1:3). The one talent man tried to run from his responsibility, but his master also held him accountable (Matthew 25:25).

You have a responsibility to obey the words of Jesus Christ (John 12:48). You have a responsibility to be a faithful Christian and

member of the Lord's body (Ephesians 4:1-16). You have a responsibility to act right around your neighbors (Ephesians 4:17—5:14). You have a responsibility to treat your spouse properly (Ephesians 5:22-33). You have a responsibility to raise your children right (Ephesians 6:1-4). You have a responsibility to be a good employee or employer (Ephesians 6:5-9). You have a responsibility to obey the laws of the land (Romans 13:1-8).

Lastly, you cannot escape your **ETERNAL JUDGMENT**. Paul writes: "And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practice such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" (Romans 2:3). When Paul preached to Felix about judgment to come, Felix just procrastinated and put off becoming a Christian (Acts 24:25). Will you do the same?

There is no escaping the coming day of judgment (1 Thessalonians 5:3). The author of Hebrews writes: "how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard" (Hebrews 2:3).

So friend, what will you do? Will you continue trying to escape the all-seeing eye of God, the day of your death, your responsibilities in life, or the eternal judgment of God? Why not stop running and face your accountability before it is too late. - Chris Reeves