

nov 28

"this is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." psalms 118:24 indeed we shall. it's so good to start one's day off with a good attitude and a heart of rejoicing. rejoicing in the things of God and our expectancy of the life we have been assured of.

i know many out there just view these emails of mine as a nuisance, and quickly delete them. to others it is a moment to relax and let them think about our Lord. and still to others, it is like a drink of water received in a drought; a drought of waiting and believing still in His promises.

they, like me, long for the day they might be greeted by our Lord with this welcome: "well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. enter into the joy of your lord." matthew 25:21

and what is the joy of the Lord? well, the word says: "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." hebrews 12:2 the word also says He has: "raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus". ephesians 2:6

i know there may be times when we feel like we are "well done". the fire we go through is to purify our faith. this flesh can never be purified as it was before the fall. it will some day soon be discarded as the burdensome tent it has become. it will be a new,

and as yet unknown, creation of our God. "beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." 1 john 3:2 we know that we will be clothed with His glory and shall know death no more.

what shall we do as we wait for our inheritance?
confession of His word is a good thing and we need to do it daily. "so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please." isa 55:11

here are some of mine:

we daily confess that "no weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. isa 54:17

got unsaved loved-ones? "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." acts 16:31

one of my favorites for me is this: "but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. they shall run and not be weary. they shall walk and not faint." isa 40:31 i really like this one, except i usually substitute "they" for "i".

God has spoken: "for I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." jer 29:11
that's His promise to each of us. it's not a "name it

and claim it". it is a "believe it and receive it".

years ago i had a pastor who used to make a play on words. when he talked about the pharisees and the sadducees, he always pronounced the spelling as "sad-you-see". indeed they were sad as they did not believe in a resurrection. the apostle once used them as an excuse for his being on trial. "men and brethren, i am a pharisee, the son of a pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead i am being judged!" acts 23:6

we all have that hope set before us. yesterday i expressed that i was beginning to feel like i might be alive to experience the rapture. oh the glory it would be to go from life to glory without going through death. but whatever comes: "for if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." rom 14:8

none of us know what our future might bring or how much time is allotted to each of us. my brother died at an early age. while i still yet survive. i know God is not the author of death. He did not snatch my brother out because He wanted him there with Him in heaven. why do some die sooner? why do some people go through more than others? these are all beyond my pay grade.

"Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. neither do i concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me." psa 131:1 i do know that He says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." hos 4:6 have we rejected knowledge or

just not sought it? i think each of us has to answer that; answer it and rectify it.

well, it seems like today has been one with many scriptures. at least i will know that any mistakes will have been mine and definitely not His. i pray you will all take His word to heart. "for it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days." deut 32:47 don't leave home without Him!

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