

*"But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."*  
*Psalms 5:11-12 KJV*



While you cheered your favorite team in high school, excitement blotted out all other thought. Relief washes over us, like Niagara Falls, with euphoric glee after conquering a major obstacle or the conclusion of great trial. You just feel like you want to shout hysterically! Believers in Jesus Christ have more to shout about than any earthly joy or victory could ever bring – a guaranteed eternity of bliss! – a guaranteed eternity of bliss! Jesus said, *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* True believers are secure in the hand of Almighty God! They can't ever be plucked, slip, or fall out. Christ *"is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,"* because it is He *"which hath begun a good work in you shall perform it."* God finishes every work, every time, on time! Rather than re-create man, He foreknew every turn and consequence, planned for it, and finished His work by giving His life on Calvary to redeem whosoever would repent and come to Him. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved."* Man merits not one iota of God's mercy, grace, or love, freely given to each penitent soul who humbly asks for it. *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us; not of works lest any man should boast."* Jim Elliot, missionary martyr, wrote, *"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."* Jesus said, *"Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."* If you keep your life only to yourself, you will forever lose it, but if you lay it at Christ's feet, you will gain it for eternity!

When Satan whispers doubt, despair,  
Reply, "I'm more than conqueror!  
My life is hid with Christ in God,  
For ev'ry step on earthly sod!" ~CGP

No one can out give God! If you suffered 1000 years on earth, it is but a drop compared to the bliss that awaits each faithful child. *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."* Why can we firmly believe that God created everything, yet doubt His ability to preserve one soul? Satan whispers to our soul that we can't expect God to honor His promises if we sin. It's true, our body is carnal – sold under sin – cannot discern spiritual things. So why, *"having begun in the Spirit,"* do we think we are *"made perfect by the flesh where dwelleth no good thing?"* Believers are eternally *"passed from death unto life."* on Christ's merit, not their own! All Praise to Jesus!

*"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."* Romans 8:1-3 KJV