

Keep Calm & Carry On

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II. Why is God Laughing?

A. His Joy is a Family Story!

- Ps 2:1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us." ...
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision....
- 7 I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "**You are my Son;**
today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

B. Every Culture on Earth Will Desire His Ways

Isa 2:2 It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and **all the nations** shall flow to it,
3 and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that **we may walk in his paths.**”

C. He Has Deprived the World of the Power to Harm Us

John 16.33 AMP I have told you these things, so that **in Me** you may
have [perfect] **peace** and confidence. In the world you have
tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good
cheer [take **courage**; be **confident, certain, undaunted**]! For I
have overcome the world. [***I have deprived it of power to harm
you and have conquered it for you.***]

S1: KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON! (The Victory is INSIDE you)

1 John 5.4 For **everyone** who has been born of God **overcomes the
world**. And this is the **victory** that has **overcome the world**—our
faith.

S2: YOUR COURAGE RESOURCEFULNESS & RESOLUTION WILL
BRING US VICTORY

Phil 1.27 NIV **Whatever happens**, conduct yourselves in a manner
worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see
you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you
stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of
the gospel 28 **without being frightened in any way** by **those**

who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved — and that by God.

No matter how bleak, how hostile, how painful and discouraging the rhetoric, the laws and the circumstances become, **the creative power that can change this** is inside you and inside me!

III. Creation Starts with Light

A. Light is the Basis of Physical Creation

Gen 1.3 And God said, “**Let there be light,**” and there was light. 4 And God saw that **the light was good.** And God separated the light from the darkness.

B. Christ in Us (Incarnate Light) Reveals a New Creation

Matt 5.14 “You are the **light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (You radiate CREATIVE GOODNESS)

2 Cor 4.6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

(Num 6.25 *the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*)

1 Thess 5.5 For **you are all children of light,** children of the day. We are **not of the night or of the darkness.**

Col 1.13 He has **delivered¹ us from the domain of darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14 in whom** we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Phil 2.14 NIV Do everything **without complaining or arguing,** 15 so that you may **become blameless and pure, children of God** without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which

¹ ῥύομαι: (*rhuomai*) to rescue from danger, with the implication that the danger in question is severe and acute.

you **shine like stars** in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life —

S3: FREEDOM IS IN PERIL; DEFEND IT WILL ALL YOUR MIGHT

B. The Unselfishness Nature of Light

Gal 1.3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 **who gave himself** for our sins **to deliver us** from the present **evil**² age, according to the will of our God and Father,

Mark 10.45 For even the Son of Man came ... to **give his life as a ransom** for **many**."

Titus 2.14 who **gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness** and to **purify** for himself a people for his own possession who are **zealous for good works**. (*in other words we can't wait to change the world!*)

Eph 5.1 Therefore **be imitators of God**, as beloved children. 2 And **walk in love**, as Christ loved us and **gave himself up for us**, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Through His Eternal Sacrifice, He rescued us, ransomed us, redeemed and recreated us. Best of all, He is IN us and we are IN Him!

Gal 2.20 I have been **crucified with Christ**. ***It is no longer I who live***, but **Christ who lives in me**. And the life I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who **loved me and gave himself for me**.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

We live IN Him and He lives IN us! This is COMMUNION, this is KOINONIA in the Divine Nature.

² πονηρός – inferior; diseased; worthless; resentful; harmful

COMMUNION: The Touchstone of New Creation

1 Cor 11.23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, **“This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

When we break the bread and drink the wine, we bless it as He did. We speak blessings over it. It becomes in a mystery the Body and Blood.

We declare with our voice, but it is no longer my voice but it is His voice: This is my Body, broken for you.

We revisit and refresh that eternal sacrifice. He gives Himself to us.

We go through the veil:

Heb 6.19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a **hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,**

Heb 10.19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 **by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ...,** 22 **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,** with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

We revisit the altar in the Heavens and celebrate the endless victory and purification that is ours in Him.

25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this

bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the cup of the New & Eternal Covenant in my Blood

Heb 9.11 But when Christ appeared as a **high priest of the good things that have come**, ... **12** he entered **once for all** into the holy places, ... **by means of his own blood**, thus **securing an eternal redemption**.

We are the TEMPLE, our Heart is the ALTAR of the New Covenant!

I'm in Him, He's in ME!

We **RECEIVE HIM** and **GIVE OURSELVES TO HIM!** Each Time

2015!! The Year Ahead:

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THEN..... DO EXACTLY THAT and HAVE A GREAT 2015!!!