Life Center Sunday, November 24, 2013

Enjoying the Inheritance of God

I. The Good News of the Happy-Blessed God

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, **that they know you** the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Glory of the Happy God & His GOOD NEWS

1 Tim 1:11 ESV ... in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed¹ God.

His Glory is in our BLESSEDNESS!

A. Our Father's Joy Strategy – to bring us in!!

- Matt 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. *Enter into the joy of your master*.'
- Ps 16:11 ...in your <u>presence</u> there is **fullness of joy**; at your right hand are **pleasures forevermore**.

B. Happy-Blessed Saturation

- Ps 34:8 NIV Taste and see that the LORD is good; **blessed**² is the man who ***takes refuge in him**.
- When we **run into God** and **hide in Him**, take refuge, His overflowing BLESSED HAPPINESS infuses us, saturates us, and fills us with what fills him.

¹μακάριος-MAKARIOS – blessed, fortunate, happy, free from daily cares and worries.

² — ASHREI — Blessed! Happy! A heightened state of happiness and joy, implying favorable circumstances, often resulting from God's kindness.

The ACTIVITY OF SALVATION is to live and radiate the joyful experience of His love!

The glory of a spring is that people come and drink.

Isa 12.1 ESV You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.
2 "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."
Isa 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells (springs) of salvation.
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John 7.37 ESV ... Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, **'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.''** 39 Now this he said about the Spirit,...

III. God's Delight in Mercy! Only Mercy

Shalom (wholeness) is the Inheritance our Father gives to us! In the midst of Panic, Distress. We can refuse it, but we can't change the Will, the Inheritance remains the same.

John 20.19 ESV On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you for-

give the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

What if, we flow as a well of salvation?

Again and again, God offers mercy. What we've freely received is what we can freely give!

- John 8:2 ESV Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."
- LAW caught her, dragged her, used her. LOVE freed her, sent her, empowered her with MERCY, GRACE. God offers mercy. When it fills our hearts, our words reflect only mercy, because that is what we received. To as many as RECEIVED him,
- 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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PRAYING LIKE PAUL - Total Renewal of a Law Based Mind

- Phil 1.3 NIV I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.
- 1. With JOY
- 2. That LOVE may OVERFLOW
- 3. Be filled w JOY & PEACEand overflow with HOPE
- Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope **fill** you with **all joy** and **peace** as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. That you would overflow with THANKFULNESS.
- Col 2.6 NIV So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and **overflowing with thankfulness.**

5. Live in the FULLNESS OF GOD

Eph 3.14 ESV For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled with <u>all</u> the fullness of God**.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

JOHN 20:21 Peace

Filled with ALL the FULLNESS of God!