

THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL

Bible Reading: I John 1:1-10

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. I John 1:4

A long face is never a mark of the Christian. Real Christianity leads to joy, not to sorrow.

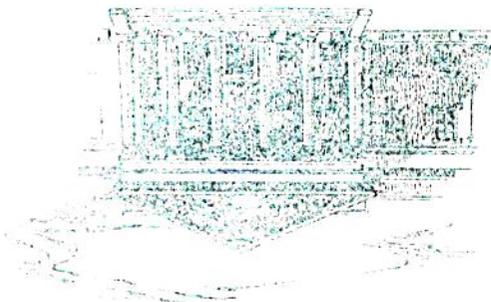
It is true, of course, that the sincere Christian has passed through an experience of sorrow. He has seen himself as a sinner, deserving eternal suffering. He has been filled with misery for his sins and experienced remorse and true repentance. However, when he heard the wonderful good news that Jesus died in order that he might by simple faith receive salvation, his sorrow was turned into joy.

It is God's will that every Christian be filled with happiness. Everywhere in life he sees the signs of God's provision. He knows that God controls everything. He knows that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

The true Christian rejoices in the wonderful beauty that God has put in the universe. All through nature he sees the signs of God's goodness and of God's wonderful power. Despite the terrible effects of sin, all the universe shows forth the marvels of its Creator.

Most of all, the Christian rejoices in the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Friend. His cup is overflowing. His joy should be full.

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