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JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

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“THE POWER OF GIVING” – PART 3

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

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“The Power of Giving”

Real Life, Real Biblical Christianity,

knows nothing about a spectators-faith. Christianity is involved!

John 15:12-13

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13
Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 3:16a

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

1.) Puts us where the action is:

vs. 14-16

Being a Christian is to be like Jesus Christ in this world.

Pastor Peter Marshall,

Chaplain of the United States Senate said;

**“Give according to your income,
lest God make your income according to your giving.”**

2.) Puts us there before His throne:

vs. 17-19

3.) Puts us nearer to one another:

vs. 20-23

20 Now **to** our God and Father be **glory** forever and ever. Amen. **21 Greet** every saint **in** Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me **greet** you. **22** All the saints **greet** you, but especially those who are of **Caesar's household**. **3** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

We now enter into these final words of Paul's and what is known as
The "Doxology"

The Power of Giving
Puts Us Nearer To One Another

3a.) Together **we hold** the Glory of God in hand: vs. 20-22a

20 Now to our God and Father **be glory** forever and ever. Amen. **21 Greet every saint** (1. the Church in general) **in** Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me (2. nearest me) **greet** you. **22** (3. all here in Rome) All the saints **greet** you,

Our giving brings God **glory** and **honor** and **praise**
because God delights in **actions that resemble** His Son, it pleases God.

When we give from out of our lives, we are being like Him.
We are **acting like His Son** and that makes the Father glad!

To Hold The Glory of God "in Hand",
meaning this, that we **practically** and **authentically** respond to life around us.

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Think about **what it is that we hold** in our hands as worshippers?
We hold wisdom. We hold power. We hold grace. We hold light.
We hold holiness. We hold (the verb) love,
And that looks like mercy, compassion, tenderness, caring, relief.

vs. 20 Now to **OUR** God and Father **BE GLORY** forever and ever. Amen.

Glory grk: doxa, dox'-ah
ever increasing honor, praise and worship be added to Him.

The word doxology comes from compounding two
Greek words: Doxo meaning to praise, to honor and the Greek word –
Logos meaning "words or speaking".

So a Doxology is when we 'Speak the Words of Praise'.
In Trinitarian Doctrine, (God is the One Revealing Himself in Three Persons - - it
means that we ascribe Glory and Honor and Praise to

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavn'ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

- Thomas Ken, 1656

1 Corinthians 10:31-32

Therefore, whether you **eat** or **drink**, or **whatever** you do, do **all** – to the **glory** of God. **32**
Give no offense, either to the **Jews** or to the **Gentiles** or to the **church** of God,

The “Forever and ever” mentioned here means “For Eternity”.

(In this **there is a mystery** because eternity is a constant.)

It is a singular - as in being “One day”.

“Somehow” and in “someway” – heaven is when and where
we will realize His greatness on an ever increasing level or magnitude.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now (earth-time) **we see in a mirror, dimly, but then** (eternal-time) **face to face. Now**
(earth-time) **I know in part, but then** (eternal-time) **I shall know just as I also am known.**

Psalms 84:10a

Better is one day (now and for eternity) **in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;**

In the Book of Revelation 4 & 5 there is a “a living”

**Doxology recorded there that defies physicals because that Doxology is
“looping” in Heaven – perpetually, eternally!**

Revelation 4:8-11

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” **9** Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: **11** “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, **12** saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

Revelation 7:11-12

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

"True Biblical Theology is not abstract or dislocated from reality. True Biblical Theology is personal, practical, useful and meaningful - - **It touches people.**"

- JDH

And so, Paul now turns to the very people who (#1)

not only gave God glory by their lifestyles but (2) they are the **glory givers**.
They make things happen!

vs. 21a Greet every saint in Christ Jesus (Those saints at Philippi). The brethren who are with me **greet** you. (We here in this jail cell.)

Greet grk: aspazomai, as-pad´-zom-ahee;

to be enveloped or to be swallowed up into the arms. to be welcome.

vs. 21b ...every saint in Christ Jesus. ...every saint // in Christ Jesus.
(What is the definition of a "Biblical saint"?)

First – It is all those who "are IN Christ."

True "saints" are those that **are living to love God and give Him glory!**

What is The Qualifier for Sainthood?

1 Corinthians 1:2 ESV

To the church of God that is in Corinth, (1) to those **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, (2) **called** to be saints (3) **together** (united) with all those who in every place call **upon** the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

"...every saint in Christ Jesus."

Jesus Gave Us the Example to Pattern After:

John 8:29b

I always do those things that please Him."

1 John 2:3-6 NLT

And we can be sure that we know Him if we obey his commandments. **4** If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. **5** But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love Him. That is how we know we are living in Him. **6** Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

Matthew 7:18-21

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. **19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

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3b.) Together **we anticipate** His effect:

vs. 22b

...but especially those {who are of **Caesar's household.**}

Why was Paul imprisoned in Rome? The answer is simple.

He was guilty of preaching the Gospel which resulted in him being sent to Rome because there were lost souls there that needed to hear truth!

Wait a minute – what about the separation of church and state?

Well, not only did our Founding Fathers know nothing of it, neither did Paul the apostle or the early Christians – **they took Jesus everywhere they went and they went everywhere as doors were opened to them!**

Maybe you're like Paul today - in some kind of jail?

(Hawaii example, Ironwood)

Are you in the Halls of power of Washington DC or in your State capitol?

(Senator Mike Morrel or Vice President Mike Pence)

Are you a school teacher laboring to share your faith in the classroom?

(Like so many of you here.)

Are you seeking to honor the LORD in your divided marriage?

(Like some of you here today.)

We Have Here One of The Most

Precious and Powerful Insights into the Ministry Effectiveness of Paul.

Philippians 1:12-13

But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, **13** so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;

“Those who are of **Caesar’s household** greet you”.
(Slaves, staff, guards, centurions, advisors...)

There are some notorious clichés that sum things up like:

“When in Rome...” or “What Happens in Vegas stays in Vegas”

Truth sets you Free – Period.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor homosexuals, nor **sodomites**, **10** nor thieves, nor **covetous**, nor drunkards, nor **revilers**, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (Just when you’re about to sink into depression and hopelessness) **11** And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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3c.) As together **we confidently** leave all to Christ: vs. 23

The grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ be with you all.** Amen.

What I mean is – I give all to Jesus.

In the Last Will and Testament of Jack Hibbs,

**I leave all my possessions, relationships, family, my body, my mind, the spirit - -
to the Glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

We confidently leave all to Christ

Dr. Warren Wiersbe writes in his commentary;

“Now that we have come to the end of the book of Philippians and to the end of our study - what makes it meaningful now is not what we’ve learned, but how we now live.”

The Power of Giving

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To think that Christians from every era, from every part of the globe, from every walk of life, will share in this united destiny – That Jesus Christ was and is their LORD and that Heaven is our Home...

We need to stop looking at each other critically

and start looking at each other prophetically.

There is a day coming when you and I will be fully sanctified, totally redeemed.

When we stand before Jesus Christ unashamed and in glory!

And so, I want to place upon you a mantle of blessing and of commissioning

(As we pray - will you please stand with hands raised high.)

“May you be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord Jesus, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; so that you might be strengthened with His might, according to His glorious power, That you would live a long and fruitful life - that you would keep His word like a necklace around your neck as a reminder. And to write His word deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and man.

So trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take and that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Holy Spirit in your inner man, that Jesus Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. May the LORD bless you and keep you; May the LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious unto you; May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” ’
And all of God’s People said – AMEN!”

COME TO JESUS TODAY!

The Cross, The Christ, The Call

End of Study

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