

Wednesday Devotional 10/02/24

Scripture: 1 Peter chapter 1

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We are talking about the source. The world does meditation of some kind to relax and actually the Bible is where meditation came from in the first place but not the way the world does it today.

The world may teach itself to think positively. The world may have all kinds of scientific and medical gadgets that are supposed to make us feel better. The world is always talking about and advertising on TV ways for us to feel better, become happier, but you never hear them talk about the ability to rejoice. Why? Because only Jesus Christ can give us the ability to rejoice.

Think about it. Have you ever seen a commercial on TV or in a magazine that says we can give you the ability to rejoice. No way! Why, because the ability to rejoice at all times only comes from one source and that is Jesus. Out of His resources he supplies us with the ability to rejoice even in the darkest hours of our soul. Jesus Christ, through His grace, our faith, our hope and our inner life is the only source of our ability to rejoice. (Continued)

Why is it that Christ is the only one that can give us the ability to rejoice? We find the ability to rejoice only after we understand Who our source really is.

First, because Jesus is self-existent or self-sufficient.

Christ has no beginning or ending. He is His own source of life. He needs no one or anything else to live. Jesus has no rival. He needs no ally. He contains all perfection within Himself.

This one really gets to me. Listen ... He doesn't need us!

That is why we should be driven to our knees before Him. He doesn't need us. He wants us. He has chosen to love us. He chose to die on the cross for us. He does not need my relationship with Him to exist. He desires to have a relationship with us. He longs to have a relationship with us. Doesn't that do something to you?

Also, if everything and everybody else would disappear Christ would still be.

Think about it. If this old world gets into a shooting match with nuclear weapons and we blow everyone up, Christ still is. Simply put, Christ still is and always will be.

He can give us the ability to rejoice in the midst of all events good or bad because He never runs out. He is self-existent ... self-sufficient. We must believe that. (Continued)