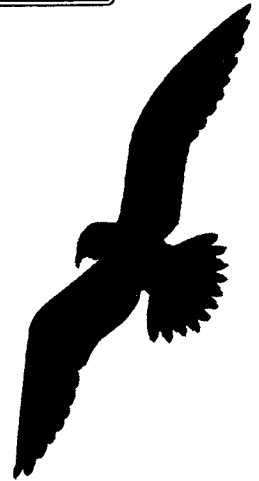


*'They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."*

Isaiah 40:31



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Dear Fellow Believers,

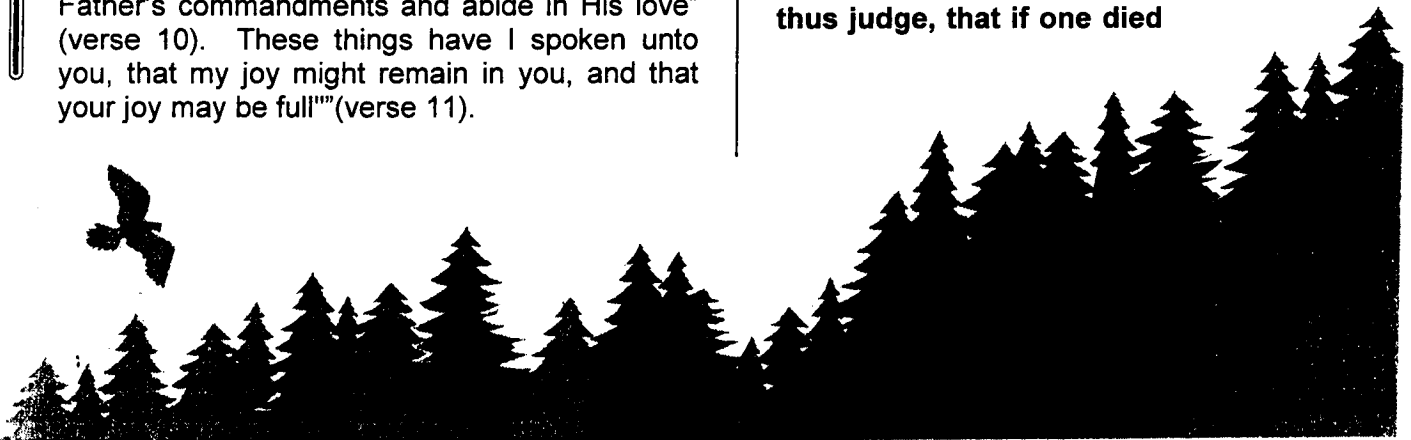
I want to call your attention to the following words of the Lord Jesus which, He spoke to His believers shortly before He went to the cross. "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

As I thought about this I was humbled as I realized that the Lord Jesus wanted His joy to remain in me and **my joy to be full**. How can I realize the joy of the Lord in my everyday life? Our Lord Jesus gives us the key to that in these precious words, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in Him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing" (verse 5). What does it mean to abide in Him? The Lord Jesus tells in these words: "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love" (verse 10). These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy may be full" (verse 11).

When we accept the Lord Jesus as our personal Savior, not only are all our sins, past, present and future, forgiven and gone, but our old self is also gone. The old self is looked upon by God as having been crucified with Christ. He died our death and this sets us free from the law of sin and death. Each believer can then say along with the apostle Paul, "I was crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live". (Gal. 2:20). I am free from the law of sin and death".

"Nevertheless, I live." Nevertheless, "I", personally, individually, still live. The old "I" caused me to live a life of sin. In my unsaved condition I had yielded my self to a life of sin, and was worthy of death. But when I received Christ as my Savior He came into my life. Now **CHRIST LIVES IN ME!**

Think of it, dear ones! Christ who alone could bear the condemnation and exhaust the judgment of God against sin paid the full penalty for our sins. He then rose from the dead and now Christ lives in me. What should the result of this be? **"For the love of Christ constrains us: because we thus judge, that if one died**



for all, then we are all dead; and that He die for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, **BUT UNTO HIM WHO DIED FOR THEM AND ROSE AGAIN**" (2 Cor.5:14,15). We need then too ask ourselves the question: "Am I living unto myself?" or "Am I living unto Him?".

But we also need to notice that though the old "I" has been crucified with Christ we still have that old nature within us. The old "I" has left his baggage behind. If I am going to get victory over that old sinful nature I need an object to fill my life. What is that object? The object is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. I live by the faith of the Son of God, or as a better translation reads, "**by faith in the Son of God.**" He needs to be as the poet puts it, "**the object bright and fair to fill and satisfy the heart. My hope is to meet Him in the air and nevermore from Him to part.**" He needs to be first in our lives. We need to start the day with Him and to end each day with Him. "**My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up**" (Psalm 5:3). How good it is to begin the day with Him by prayer and by meditating upon His word and also to end the day with Him.

At the end of this wonderful verse, Gal. 2:20, we have these precious words: "**who loved me, and gave Himself for me.**" Think for a little about these words, "He loved me". How could it be? In thinking about the wonder of such love we are really compelled to say with the apostle Paul: "**Lord, what will You have me to do?**", Acts 9:6.

In His wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King;
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.

Lord, I come to Thee for rest;
Take possession of my breast;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain,
And without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer:
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

Show me what I have to do;
Every hour my strength renew;
Let me live a life of faith,
Let me die Thy people's death.

John Newton
1725-1807

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from the pit, who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thine adornment with good; thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalm 103:1-5) J.N.D.

"He that loves us bears us through,
And makes us more than conquerors too,
Faith hath an overcoming power;
That triumphs in the trying hour.
Anon

"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him. But with an overrunning flood He will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue His enemies"

Nahum 1: 7,8

To those who trust Him, the Lord is indeed good; they find in Him a fortress in the time of danger, and an rest in confidence no matter what difficulties they have to face, assured that He knoweth them that trust in Him. But how different it is with the wicked that know not God! They imagine evil against Him, but in the day when He rises up in His wrath to deal with them, His judgments will be like an overrunning flood carrying all before them, and His enemies will go out into the blackness of darkness forever. ___H. A. Ironside

"Sinners, the voice of God regard;
'Tis mercy speaks today;
He calls you by His sacred Word
From sin's destructive way.

But he that turns to God shall live,
Through His abounding grace:
His mercy will the guilt forgive
Of those that seek His face."

___W. Scott

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