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“THIS IS NEW LIFE; NOT JUST THE OLD LIFE IMPROVED.”

READ

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Do you enjoy your life? I'm not talking about tolerating it, making it, or just surviving. If God is who He says He is, and has done for us what we say He did, there is not a reason in the world for us to not be enjoying this life. He called it “abundant life.” This is new life; not just the old life improved. One of the greatest attributes of this new life is real joy. When people see that you have been with Jesus, it makes an impact on them. When are Christians going to get to the place that we stop being sad and mad at God when things don't turn out the way we want? Your situation, your condition, your problem, your dilemma right now has nothing to do with your relationship to the Almighty God. It can't steal your joy. God is working things out according to His own will for His own glory. So, when we see things going downhill, and life is withering all around us, we ought to step out and say, “That doesn't have a thing to do with my relationship with God. I'm rich. I'm blessed. I'm prosperous.”

PRAY

There is joy in You, in following You. You made known to me the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness of joy, at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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