

*Rejoice in Hope*

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## INTRODUCTION

### *Christ the Solid Rock*

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.*

*(Refrain:)*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

—Edward Mote (1797-1874)

The words of this great old hymn are so true for us today. So often, we are tempted by Satan and the world's system to rest in something other than Jesus Christ. Nothing could be more dangerous.

The ever-shifting sands of human opinion, financial circumstances, and worldly popularity have swallowed up many believers. They pursue happiness according to the world's standards, and they end up confused and defeated.

But God has given us a different standard. The joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). In this booklet, we will examine how the Rock of truth is what supports our hope. Therefore, having that solid foundation for this hope, we rejoice, reveling with gladness at the reality of our position in Christ today and holding fast to the certainty of our future as citizens of heaven.

## *Chapter One*

# SURRENDERING TO THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

“[Be] not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” (Romans 12:11-12).

In the original Greek rendering of Romans 12:11, the Word of God does not use the word “business”. It would be great to use this for a business meeting, but unfortunately that is not what it says, according to the ancient manuscripts. What it really says is “diligence” or “busy-ness.” So it says, “In regard to zeal, be not lazy but in busy-ness be fervent—burning in your spirit—in the Lord’s service.”

I don’t know how many people have emphasized this one verse and delivered a wonderful message on business. As a business consultant for several years, I could have used it more than anyone; but I could not do it with a

godly conscience. Plenty of verses in Proverbs deal with business exchanges, but this verse has nothing to do with business practices. Rather, it has a lot to do with having the right kind of zeal in busy-ness, and it is talking about having the right kind of busy-ness. It is talking about being busy because of having fervency in the spirit as our motivation.

Christians need to understand specifically what it means to surrender to the truth of God's Word once and for all.

How does a person surrender to truth?

Jesus Christ teaches us that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. Calvary is the place of "retroactive positional truth". Two thousand years ago, we died with Christ; then, we were buried with Him. In our position, which is *in* Christ, we have been raised from the dead, we have ascended, and we are seated above. That is retroactive positional truth (see Ephesians 2:4-10; Romans 6:6-10).

Now, let's just take those two facts: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and Calvary is the place of retroactive positional truth. I wonder how many times multitudes of believers ignore and neglect retroactive positional truth in dealing with people and with themselves as if it



were never written? But the Bible says, "I am crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20). These facts are a part of the embodiment of truth.

Once you enter into retroactive positional truth, you then enter into *substantial* truth. Jesus said it to the disciples in John 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." This verse is very interesting when you examine the Greek grammar. It is written in the aorist tense, active voice, and imperative mood. In effect, the statement He is making is this: "Once and for all, Father, You produce the action of setting them apart in Thy Word: for Thy Word is truth." So what is the substance of being set apart in truth? It is the Word of God in all its categorical doctrines.

The last time you had a marital problem, did you honestly look each other in the eye and say, "We have surrendered to truth in the area of our problem"? You see, most people have never surrendered to truth in specific categories, to the extent that truth governs every single decision in their life.

Surrendering to truth starts with humbling ourselves before God.

## *Confidence and Humility*

“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end” (Hebrews 3:6).

We are to “hold fast the confidence”—and that refers to the entirety of our being. It is in the constative aorist tense and passive voice, meaning that once and for all, in our entirety, we receive the action from God to hold fast through the Spirit of truth and through the Word of truth. This is a mandate, an order, to be governed by truth any time we assemble, any time we think, and any time we speak.

Therefore, any time I think, speak, respond, or have any kind of interaction, I am to humble myself before God, receive the action of retroactive positional truth, receive the power of the Holy Spirit that governs truth, and receive the substance of the Word of God that defines truth. I do this in my heart before God.

When we humble ourselves before God, we have allowed the word of grace to be established as an authority in our entire lives through humility. It means that we have humility in grace-thinking. So we can do everything through

humility in grace thinking (James 4:6). As this happens, truth begins to promote us. Receive in humility, and He will promote you (see 1 Peter 5:6).

### *Surrender Brings Promotion*

We have a great principle concerning promotion that comes because of truth. When we face any situation that looks bad or indifferent or difficult, truth can promote us in it. But first we must surrender to truth.

Surrendering to truth means that we never take natural preference and place it ahead of truth. We do not let people or circumstances come ahead of truth or interfere with truth. Therefore, we must never sacrifice truth to bow down to our own purposes.

We must not ignore truth when it clashes with our personal interests. Therefore, we must never waiver in our convictions of truth but surrender to its government, to its provision and protection, to its power, and to its purpose. Our position must be in keeping with God's eternal purpose. We must never trifle with truth or justify ourselves in leaving truth because of difficulties.

So, the beautiful thing about truth is that

having a fixed attitude toward truth will protect me from compromising its content in details of life. Never consider how people react to truth. Only consider truth itself.

## *Chapter Two*

# TRUTH LIGHTS THE WAY TO FREEDOM

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

People should abide in the place that truth occupies. Why? If we continue in the truth, the Bible says that the truth shall make us free. *Truth* shall make us free! It will produce the action in the future, and we will receive its benefits. Here, the subject receives the benefits of the verb as the subject acts upon the verb; and in the future, because of the provision that we are storing up in our human spirit, truth sets us free, and we are free indeed.

We must never manipulate truth. This is so important. It is so easy to manipulate truth with natural thinking. But if we are set apart in truth,

then natural affections cannot manipulate us. People cannot manipulate us. No set of circumstances can govern us, because in all of our associations and all of our judgments, truth governs us.

“And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter (Isaiah 59:14).

Truth fell in the street, and it cluttered up the highway of God’s holiness. As truth fell down, justice was afar off, and equity and mercy could not enter. Any time the standard of truth falls, every single thing is stopped: equity, mercy, and justice.

### *Caretakers of the Truth*

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).

I must be a responsible custodian of truth. Regardless of what people think, let’s make truth as precise to us as the Word of God does. If the Word of God is truth, then the Word of God is a light unto my feet and a lamp unto my pathway—a precise illuminating light that is reflected from the Holy Spirit. That is what the original text declares in the ancient manuscripts. The Word of God is precise light: illuminating,

instructing me in my walk. It is produced by a specific act of the Holy Spirit. It is a lamp, meaning it produces all of its effects and all of its quality of life precisely in my human spirit.

That is much different than just getting up in a Sunday school class and quoting Psalm 119:105, as people are trained to do, and explaining it: "The Word of God is a light unto my feet, and a lamp unto my pathway." No. The Word of God is a *precise thought* from Jesus Christ, produced by the Holy Spirit accurately, and transferred to my "lamp," which is the human spirit, for a precise experience in an exact application.

As a Spirit-filled Christian, if the truth has set me free, then I will be absolutely exact in truth, and I will have the power of truth to accommodate my convictions—not just information from the letter of the Word—because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. That is where truth sets us free in our thought life. That is when we bring every single thought into obedience to truth. Jesus Christ is the truth (John 14:6). The Word of God is truth. The Holy Spirit is truth (John 16:13). So we bring every single thought into captivity to the truth (2 Corinthians 10:3-5), and we cast down all knowledge that

isn't truthful that exalts itself against precise truth. We do away with *everything* that exalts itself against precise truth.

### *Putting Truth into Action*

Let me give you an example of the practicality of truth: You are fighting with your partner. Do you compromise truth to keep the argument going, even if the partner is guilty? Do you holler? Do you get upset? Do you get nervous? Do you react? Do you justify the fact that you are right? Not if you are walking in the light of truth. You see, truth never has to justify itself in its emotions. Truth simply expresses the facts and relaxes in its essence and quality of life.

That is why truth never depletes energy from the soul of a believer who is governed by truth. Instructed by the Word of God, if he were in a situation where his business partner did wrong, he would simply state it to him quietly, eyeball to eyeball, and then go away in the same quietness that he expressed it. He wouldn't react. He wouldn't holler. He would just express truth. You see, truth is more than information—more than just the letter of the law. Truth is the spirit of contentment in life, the spirit of contentment in living, and the spirit of contentment



in its expression in this troubled world.

Truth is something that is so precise, so specific, and so able to deliver, because you know the precise truth—and the precise truth will set you free. It is a precious thing that God has given us.

### *Truth Identifies*

“And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Truth always requires identification with other members of the Body, because truth is not selfish. It is life-giving and self-sacrificing in nature. Therefore, truth weeps when people weep and rejoices when they rejoice. So truth is something that always identifies.

Very few are the people who can be talking about a subject such as a serious illness that has nothing to do with them personally, and yet they enter right into tears. Do you know why they begin to weep? It is because they identify with the truth relating to that subject. They are walking so much in the filling of the Holy Spirit that they identify with the person they are talking with.

The person may not even be right. He may be totally wrong. You do not agree with him, but you still love him, so you identify with him because of the truth of love, which is self-sacrificing and not self-indulging. The life of Jesus Christ on earth is the perfect, most beautiful expression of truth. He said, “*I am the truth*” (John 14:6). Truth, therefore, is ultimate.

### *Chapter Three*

## MEMORIES AND MOTIVATION

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord” (Romans 12:10-11).

This phrase “fervent in spirit” refers to a person who is continually producing the action of a truth in his motives. Motives here pertain to the subject of motivation. Improper motivation produces an improper interpretation of truth. Objectivity and truth can straighten out improper motivation.

A person’s subjective life has many “memory” seeds in it that were received over time. These memory seeds, if they are not positive and not properly related to truth, become like weeds in the soil, ready to choke out the seeds of truth (Matthew 13:7). As these memory seeds grow into weeds, because the soil has not been care-

fully cultivated, truth never becomes a motivator and fervency does not become the content of the spirit and the quality of the attitude.

People have to deal with weeds in the reflective storage areas of their minds. Some would refer to these “weeds” as damaged goods, wounds of a wounded spirit. Others would say they are areas of weakness in a person’s life, ready to be manifested. The weeds can develop into anything. But they are weeds that become subjectively powerful in the reflective storage room of the unconscious.

Weeds choke a person’s ability to rejoice in the hope that God has put into their hearts by faith. The only way to deal with these weeds is through God’s truth in a godly motivation. In the subjective, involuntary, unconscious part of the mind, there is a wide area of reflected memory seeds. The weeds are buried as tiny seeds in the soil of the unconscious mind, causing the Christian to be motivated with improper motives, first in small decisions and then larger decisions, so that he does not receive the truth, and truth falls in the street. This Christian is no longer fervent in spirit, and he is unable to rejoice.

Why? He is living in a famine of truth.

Then Satan takes over because of these terrible weeds in the reflective storage room of the subconscious. And often, as this condition in that soil is repeated and reflected, it produces all kinds of personality problems because of those seeds.

### *Subjective Reflections of Weeds*

Let's say that I have eight or nine bad "weeds" in the subjective reflective area of my mind. If these weeds have never been dealt with, they will become a part of my unconscious storage area. It is possible for those weeds and those seeds to correlate into a miniature personality. That personality becomes a powerful governing agency because it is living in the unconscious realm as an active force. It is possible for many of these miniature personalities to develop and begin to reflect themselves, taking over the real you because of their power.

Some people call these miniature personalities "demons," when usually they are not demons at all. This may be referred to as having multiple personalities. In reality, however, if you really study this out, a person has a miniature personality developing by repeating an often-reflected action of a "weed." When a seed be-

comes a weed in the soil of the soul and is not dealt with, it produces an emotional power, an improper motivation in the unconscious realm of the subjective part of the mind. The soul of that individual is simply overgrown with weeds from seeds in the soil that were allowed to magnify themselves into a miniature reality in that person's mind.

The multiple personality is just that. It isn't eight demons or eight people in the soul, but it can develop into an extreme case that appears to be exactly that. But these "multiple personalities" are simply weeds—tares that have grown up with the wheat (the fruitful, good seed within the mind) (Matthew 13:25-30). It can produce the effect of a realistic thought, which becomes a habitual thought, until it takes over the power and influence of the capacity of the unconscious mind. This pattern of thinking ultimately controls a person through its influence in the conscious mind, in terms of self-destruction, moods, cycles, reactions, reflections, and all kinds of confusion.

Homosexuality, lesbianism, immorality, anger, lying, cheating, stealing and all kinds of moods are areas that assume a superficial authority to defend one's immaturity or carnality.

These are not all related to demons. They simply are allowed to become miniature personalities that can put on the clothes of reality as a reflection of the unconscious part of the mind, and they become real.

Many people go to bed at night and the voices come. These are the effects of weeds that have been growing and growing and were never nullified, never crucified, and never dealt with.

A set of circumstances or a small group of people can produce and promote a weed to grow. The seed in the soil expands, and it becomes a part of you, until it controls you as a projection from within. A certain thought has been so internalized that you absolutely believe it has real power, because it is actively being reinforced by circumstances, by people, and by situations. It may be something that you have been doing lately, which causes you to think that you are never going to make it. That gives those weeds a very good opportunity to be promoted as a part of your mind in action.

As a result, the motivations of your life are improper. Truth is fallen in the street. There is no equity for your life. There is no equity for the truth you had. Then you say, "Oh, I know all this stuff. It isn't doing me any good."

Of course not, because any intelligent counselor (if he wanted to be honest and if he had discernment) could point out the areas where you allowed truth to fall down in your life, and you can't have equity. Listening to messages from the pulpit will not do it. Why? Because messages that are based on the truth will stand afar off. Truth has fallen. The integrity of truth has fallen, and this person is not fervent in busyness for God through grace and love and proper motivation.

### *Love Delivers Us from Weeds*

My motivation must always be the love of God.

"I thus judge if one died, were all dead and I should not henceforth live unto myself, but unto God who raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore I do not know anyone after the flesh; no—not even Jesus. I am in Christ. I am a new creature. Old things are passed away. All things have become new" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). The motivator is the New Creation love of God and the New Creation light of truth. The New Creation is of now—the Eternal Is—with nothing of the past interfering in its operation of truth.

This is a marvelous thing! I can be com-



pletely motivated in truth and I am free in the New Creation life. The New Covenant agreement between the Father and the Son is my umbrella when I fail. Therefore, if I fail, I use the principle of recovery through rebound, because it is impossible for God to change His mind or to lie about my acceptance and my position in Christ. So everything about my life is motivated by love.

Let's say that I fall flat on my face, God forbid, and immediately I look up to God and say, "Okay, I agree with You, Lord. I have a conviction through the Holy Spirit of truth." Then I name what I did, and I confess it. And God says, "What are you going to do now?"

"I'm going to get up."

"That's right. And what else?"

"I'm going to walk in truth."

"What's the truth here?"

"I have been forgiven. I've been cleansed. My sin is behind me forever. The New Creation guarantees me that my past can never interfere with my present life, which is a brand-new life. The New Covenant guarantees me total acceptance in the same position; and as He fills me, the Holy Spirit guarantees me the quality of life I had before I failed."

So what did the truth just do? It set me free and made it possible to be fervent as I serve God. The truth gives me substance to rejoice in. I understand completely that my hope is only in Him.

A soulish focus in a human application means that a particular weed from the particular person or situation in your past became your dominant personality. Then, you become compulsive in your disposition. This means that for a time, you are uncontrollable. You cannot stop operating in the force of some past personality influence, which has become your personality, because they domineered you under pressure. But the right motivation through the Cross in retroactive truth in the presence of the Word and the Holy Spirit will deliver us.

### *Serving and Rejoicing*

Also in Romans 12:11, “serving the Lord” in the Greek grammatical structure includes the dative case in a present active participle—the dative case of tremendous advantage in a continued process of serving the Lord, motivated by truth in love. In the active voice, the fervency of Spirit motivates me. The participle is “I serve truth,” speaking of the whole embodiment of

truth.

Finally, in Romans 12:12, we find the phrase, “rejoicing in hope” Here, “rejoicing” speaks of a positive sense of expectation—expecting something good to happen because of our complete surrender to truth. Totally surrendered to truth, I am relaxed and I am rejoicing. My rejoicing is in hope, because I have an expectation of something good happening. It is objective truth, and it is absolutely the content of my life.

In the New Testament the noun *elpis* (hope) carries that positive sense of expecting something good to happen because of the resource of grace. When Satan projects negativity, the greatest response is just to smile and expect something good to happen.

It all starts with truth. Once I have determined in my mind to have truth as a frame of reference, then I can always rejoice in hope. The truth sets me up. My hope is built on it. That great hope, resting in the reality of my Savior who gave Himself for me, inspires me, and always motivates me to rejoice.

## CONCLUSION

Oh, what a great hope we have! How can we not rejoice? These unchangeable facts represent the details of the immutable truth of the Word of God. This is so much more than mere knowledge to us. This is the substance of our lives. As Job declared, so we too declare: We know that our Redeemer lives!

This booklet opened with a song and it I think it fitting that it should close with a song as well. That song is "Something Good is Going to Happen to Me." Read these words over and over. Even if you cannot recall the tune, I believe the truth of the words will still cause you to rejoice in hope.

*Something good is going to happen to me,  
Happen to me, this very day.  
Something good is going to happen to me;  
Jesus of Nazareth is passing my way.*

*Something good is going to happen to you,*

*Happen to you, this very day.  
Something good is going to happen to you;  
Jesus of Nazareth is passing your way.*

## *God Really Cares For You*

Jesus loves you deeply. However, the fact that all have sinned separates us from God (*Romans 3:23; 6:23*). Still, God cares for you and He provides a way to share His love with you.

Jesus Christ's love for man was so great that He came and died on the cross for all the sins of mankind. He shed His blood for you so you can be forgiven and have eternal life.

The only thing He requires of you is to come to Him in simple faith trusting His character and love for you, and accepting Him as your Savior. "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (*Acts 2:21*).

Simply pray, "*Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I receive you as my personal Savior. Thank you for loving me so much that you died for me so I can have eternal life with you. Amen.*"

He promises that He will never stop loving you and that He will never leave nor forsake you (*Hebrews 13:5*). Develop your relationship with Him by reading the Bible, praying, and attending a good Bible-believing church.

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