

# When I Don't Desire God: How to Fight for Joy

## KNOWING – LIVING – EXPERIENCING THE JOY OF MY SALVATION

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### Jesus Already Provided What We Need To Live In Joy

Joy Over ...

- The curse of humanity *Galatians 3:13*
- Being justified and acceptable to God *Romans 8:33-34*
- Every wrong being wiped clean *Ephesians 1:7*
- My lack of personal righteousness *2 Corinthians 5:21; Rom. 5:19*
- My victory over repetitive sin *1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:15*
- Past failures *Romans 8:28*
- My needs in the present *Romans 8:32*
- The outcome of my eternity *1 Peter 3:18*

### I Will Live Like a Justified Sinner

1. I must be declared righteous in the court room of heaven  
(Justification)

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," *Romans 5:1 NASB*

Justification is by,,,

- Grace alone – not merited
- Faith alone – not earned
- Christ alone – not by my own righteousness
- To the glory of God alone – not mine

2. I progressively become like Christ (Sanctification)

"But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life."  
*Romans 6:22 NLT*

- Do not confuse the order – justification, then Sanctification or you will undermine your joy

### Do Not Make Peace with the Sin in Your Life

"Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin's every beck and call!" *Romans 6:6 MSG*

Once Connected to Jesus...

- 1) Righteousness is credited to our account
- 2) A new impulse is given to us

### Cheap Grace or Gutsy Guilt

1. Cheap Grace destroys Joy because it diminishes my personal responsibility at the moral level

- I do it for me – I want to be proud of me
- I do it for God – I want Him to be proud of me
- I do it for God's Purpose: I want others to have what I have

2. Gutsy Grace

"Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, And I will see His righteousness." *Micah 7:8-9 NASB*

- I blew it, but I am not abandoned
- I will bear it, it is for me to carry and deal with
- God will come, my hope is not diminished
- God will restore, though I don't desire it