



# IN HIS IMAGE

EXULTING WITH JOY

## THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT

## WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, <sup>23</sup> GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW. <sup>24</sup> NOW THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS JOY



## JOY IS ...

1. THE EMOTION OF GREAT DELIGHT OR HAPPINESS CAUSED BY SOMETHING EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD OR SATISFYING; KEEN PLEASURE; ELATION.
2. A SOURCE OR CAUSE OF KEEN PLEASURE OR DELIGHT; SOMETHING OR SOMEONE GREATLY VALUED OR APPRECIATED.
3. THE EXPRESSION OR DISPLAY OF GLAD FEELING; FESTIVE GAIETY.
4. A STATE OF HAPPINESS OR FELICITY.

## GOD IS JOYFUL

- <sup>NIV</sup> **NEHEMIAH 8:10** ... THIS DAY IS SACRED TO OUR LORD. DO NOT GRIEVE, FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH."
- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 THESSALONIANS 1:6** AND YOU BECAME IMITATORS OF US AND OF THE LORD, FOR YOU RECEIVED THE WORD IN MUCH AFFLICTION, WITH THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,

## THE COMMANDMENT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ZEPHANIAH 3:14** SHOUT FOR JOY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION!  
SHOUT *IN TRIUMPH*, O ISRAEL! REJOICE AND EXULT WITH ALL  
YOUR HEART, O DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM!



# 1. THE SALVATION OF THE LORD

- <sup>ESV</sup> **ZEPHANIAH 3:15** THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY THE JUDGMENTS AGAINST YOU; HE HAS CLEARED AWAY YOUR ENEMIES. THE KING OF ISRAEL, THE LORD, IS IN YOUR MIDST; YOU SHALL NEVER AGAIN FEAR EVIL. <sup>16</sup> ON THAT DAY IT SHALL BE SAID TO JERUSALEM: "FEAR NOT, O ZION; LET NOT YOUR HANDS GROW WEAK. <sup>17</sup> THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST, A MIGHTY ONE WHO WILL SAVE ...

## FULFILMENT IN CHRIST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 3:16** "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **ROMANS 8:1** THEREFORE, THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS,
- <sup>NIV</sup> **EPHESIANS 1:7** IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE

## 2. UNION WITH THE LORD

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ZEPHANIAH 3:17** "THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST, A VICTORIOUS WARRIOR. HE WILL EXULT OVER YOU WITH JOY, HE WILL BE QUIET IN HIS LOVE, HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SHOUTS OF JOY."

## THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **COLOSSIANS 1:27** TO WHOM GOD WILLED TO MAKE KNOWN WHAT IS THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES, WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 6:16** ... WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; JUST AS GOD SAID, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 3:16** DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE A TEMPLE OF GOD, AND *THAT* THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU?
- <sup>NAS</sup> **EPHESIANS 2:22** IN WHOM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT.

## GOD COMMUNICATES HIS JOY TO US

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ZEPHANIAH 3:14** SHOUT FOR JOY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION!  
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HEART, O DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM!
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JOY.

## “SHOUT FOR JOY”

- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 4:4** **REJOICE** IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I WILL SAY, **REJOICE!**
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 PETER 4:13** BUT TO THE DEGREE THAT YOU SHARE THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, KEEP ON **REJOICING**; SO THAT ALSO AT THE REVELATION OF HIS GLORY, YOU MAY **REJOICE** WITH EXULTATION.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **REVELATION 19:7** "LET US **REJOICE** AND BE GLAD AND GIVE THE GLORY TO HIM, FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB HAS COME AND HIS BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY."

## GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ZEPHANIAH 3:17** "THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST, A VICTORIOUS WARRIOR. HE WILL EXULT OVER YOU WITH JOY, HE WILL BE QUIET IN HIS LOVE, HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.
- LXX: *HE WILL RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE (AGAPE)*

## RENEWED IN HIS LOVE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 4:16** SO WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. THOUGH OUR OUTER SELF IS WASTING AWAY, OUR INNER SELF IS BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 3:5** HE SAVED US, NOT ON THE BASIS OF DEEDS WHICH WE HAVE DONE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY, BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
- <sup>ESV</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:10** AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE AFTER THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.



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# CONCLUSIONS

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; <sup>13</sup> FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **GALATIANS 5:25** IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.



**1. DRINK FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF JOY**

## GOD'S WORD IS A FOUNTAIN OF JOY

- <sup>NIV</sup> **NEHEMIAH 8:12** THEN ALL THE PEOPLE WENT AWAY TO EAT AND DRINK, TO SEND PORTIONS OF FOOD AND TO CELEBRATE WITH GREAT JOY, BECAUSE THEY NOW UNDERSTOOD THE WORDS THAT HAD BEEN MADE KNOWN TO THEM.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **1 PETER 1:8** THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HIM, YOU LOVE HIM; AND EVEN THOUGH YOU DO NOT SEE HIM NOW, YOU BELIEVE IN HIM AND ARE FILLED WITH AN INEXPRESSIBLE AND GLORIOUS JOY,

A rectangular frame containing a light gray background with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered around the perimeter. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

## 2. REPRIORITIZE OUR DESIRES

## PURSUING JOY

- WE HAVE JOY WHEN OUR DESIRES ARE FULFILLED AND WE LACK JOY WHEN OUR DESIRES ARE UNFULFILLED

## THE BIG PICTURE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **PSALM 37:4** DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **MATTHEW 6:33** BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.

## THE DETAILS

1. DESIRE DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD IN CHRIST
  - PURSUE UNION WITH GOD IN CHRIST
  
2. DESIRE BEING MADE MORE LIKE CHRIST
  - PURSUE GOD'S IMAGE IN CHRIST



## PURSUE UNION WITH GOD IN CHRIST

- <sup>NIV</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 3:8** WHAT IS MORE, I CONSIDER EVERYTHING A LOSS COMPARED TO THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD, FOR WHOSE SAKE I HAVE LOST ALL THINGS. I CONSIDER THEM RUBBISH, THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST... <sup>10</sup> I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH, <sup>11</sup> AND SO, SOMEHOW, TO ATTAIN TO THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.

## PURSUE GOD'S IMAGE IN CHRIST

- <sup>IV</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 3:9** AND BE FOUND IN HIM, NOT HAVING A RIGHTEOUSNESS OF MY OWN THAT COMES FROM THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST-- THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD AND IS BY FAITH. <sup>10</sup> I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH, ... . <sup>20</sup> BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN. AND WE EAGERLY AWAIT A SAVIOR FROM THERE, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, <sup>21</sup> WHO, BY THE POWER THAT ENABLES HIM TO BRING EVERYTHING UNDER HIS CONTROL, WILL TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODIES SO THAT THEY WILL BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY.