



Refreshed: Rejoice (Psalm 16) – July 8-9, 2017

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// REJOICE

... that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. Galatians 2:5 NKJV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes... Romans 1:16 NKJV

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YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.
Acts 2:28 NKJV

// JOY IS FOUND IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Psa 51:12 NKJV

but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. 2Pe 3:18 NKJV

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:1-2 NKJV

"Words for Rejoicing"

By Amy Raby

Church, look at where you are. You are here, alive, breathing.

Even if the world outside these walls is crumbling.

Even if your world inside is in shadow.

Your heart is still beating. All of our hearts, beating in rhythm by the very fingers of God.

If you're hearing this, God has brought you this far.

Look back. Yesterday, last week, last year.

Hasn't He walked with you? Hasn't He carried you when you couldn't find your step?

He will do so again and again, I give you His word.

Church, rejoice! For He has not forgotten you.

He alone can trade your sorrow for praise.

Your grief for the flowing oil of joy.

Do not doubt it. Do not lose hope.

Do not believe the lie that He has turned His back on you.

There is a place for you at His table.

Come and sit with Him. Come, listen, believe.

Believe Him when He tells you He loves the sinner.

That His love is not conditional to our success or failure. Nor to our sin.

Believe Him when He says it was a joy to endure the cross.

To be the ransom for your freedom. Yes, you are free.

Believe Him when He says He thinks good thoughts toward you.

When He says He rejoices over you with singing!

Believe Him, Church, when He says He knows the secrets of your heart,

And understands you and loves you well.

Believe Him when He says it is in His presence you will gather every treasure of joy.

Church, rejoice! For He has not forgotten you.

When you feel like He is absent, know He is working.

When pain drowns out His singing over you, know He is still singing.

When doubt strangles your confidence, know He is good to trust.

When you look back, don't remember the shame or regrets.

Remember the springs bursting through the cracked dry ground.

Remember the road you found in the wandering.

Remember His promise to do new things, again and again.

Remember the worth He placed on your life by paying such a high price for you.

Church, rejoice! For He has not forgotten you.

Look at all the evidence, and carry it into your future.

Know He will come through. He is running ahead of you, clearing the way.

His plans for you are so carefully laid. He has people for you to lead.

Hearts for you to grace. Relationships to restore.

There are souls to be harvested and worship to be had.

And joy. He never runs out of joy. There is much joy to share.

Joy is our companion. Joy strengthens our bones.

Joy is first light on the horizon. The voice of hope and thanks when all seems lost.

Joy is the lingering scent of His presence on His people.

Church, let us rejoice for all of His promises.

Again, I say, let us rejoice!