

Absolute Favor!

Always making resolutions is a snare of death. Charles Finney put it is way:

"Away with this effort to make the life holy while the heart has not in it the love of God. Oh! That men would learn to look directly at Christ through the gospel!"

When we finally HEAR the good news of the gospel all of a sudden we realize that God is on our side. He has done everything possible and necessary to take care of the sin problem that easily overwhelms our life. If God is truly on our side that reassures us that any trouble which may come is not being sent by God as punishment for sins that previously have been committed.

The Word of God is very clear: Jesus came to take the punishment you rightly deserve. He received all of your judgment! He took it all...He faced your judgment and took it away.

There's no future penalty waiting for you as you continue to believe in the work of Jesus Christ upon the Cross. God is not now sending hardship upon you. No, we do that to ourselves! We do a good job of hurting ourselves. But God is not the one allowing the hurt, WE are! When hurt comes it isn't from God. He never tests us with hurtful and damaging things. But He will use every hardship to bring you into the blessing! So stay in the place of faith.

The cross has guaranteed favor for you! Just don't lose heart...don't cave in! He is not against you...He is for you. So use everything to bring joy in your life.

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

James 1:2, 3 NLT

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