

REJOICE, SING AND BE GLAD!

“Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart.” (Ps.32:11) This is the last verse in this psalm. It is to be the reaction of the person who is experiencing this psalm.

He is greatly blessed for he has humbled himself, honestly admitted his sin to God and been freely forgiven; his sins, though many, will never be remembered against him. He is free from the guilt of sin. Hallelujah! **No charge can be brought against him because God has declared him righteous.** (Ro.8:33) What a wonderful place to be!

Also God makes him a promise. “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.” **Starting a new relationship, he has a great promise of continual help and protection.** God has a plan for his life; a life of good works that is already laid out to be accomplished.(Eph.2:10) As he trusts and submits to God, he will work in this man to desire and do his good will.(Phil.2:13) **“But by the grace of God I am what I am...”** These are the words of the apostle Paul. (1 Co.15:10 NIV) And it will be so in every one who trusts and follows Christ.

Again, the God who began a good work in this man, speaks encouragement to him through the Psalmist: “...the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in the Lord.” (Ps.32:10) **No matter what circumstances the man must face, difficulties he must endure, problems he does not understand, God is with him and will not desert him.** That is the encouragement that God gives. “In this world you shall have trouble,” Jesus said, “but be of good cheer I have overcome the world.”(Jn.16:33)

So the last verse of the Psalm that tells us all of this “good news,” also tells this blessed one; “Rejoice, sing and be glad.” Why? “If God is for you, who can be against you” (Ro.8:31) He gave his Son to save you, so he will see you through to the end, and you will live with him forever.