

JOY IN SERVING GOD

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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We are created by God for a life driven purpose to know, love, fear and revere Him. We are also directed to obey His commandments, worship and serve Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Moreover, God has commanded us to evangelize by spreading His gospel and teaching others to do the same. However, we have to serve Him with gladness and joy which are acts of service not only limited to the Lord but to the least of our brethren as well.

1. Benefits of serving God with gladness:

1.1 Reward (Col. 3:24)

There is a reward in serving our God with gladness.

1.2 Healing (Exodus 23:35)

I will take away sickness from among you.

1.3 Blessing (Deut. 11:13-14)

The Lord will pour upon abundant blessings to those who obey His commandments. His commands are not burdensome if we obey with all our heart.

1.4 Prosperity and contentment (Job 36:11)

If we obey God and serve Him, we live our lives in peace and prosperity.

2. What the Lord has done to Tatay Bob when he obeyed and served the Lord:

2.1 He changed Tatay Bob's life (2 Cor. 5:17).

He was a sinner easily lured to temptations due to lack of faith. When he entered the Renewal, he repented sincerely. Then, he attained his transformation: a rebirth and a new life.

2.2 Before the Renewal -

2.2.1 His words were filled with curses; he has learned to pray sincerely and praise God.

2.2.2 His actions were unreasonably violent; he has become humble and patient.

2.2.3 His thoughts were full of lust; he has developed a clear conscience.

2.2.4 His desires were worldly; he has realized to serve the Lord as long as he lives.

2.2.5 His priorities were to earn money; he has learned to rely on God in every decision he makes.

2.2.6 He had a "care less attitude"; he has valued the responsibility of taking care of the "flock."

2.2.7 He had a broken relationship with Soar: his relationship has been restored.

3. When Tatay Bob completely surrendered and accepted the Lord he declared the following:

3.1 My life has become orderly and peaceful.

3.2 Jesus died for me (Rom. 5:8).

3.3 God the Father sent His son to save me (Jn. 3:16).

3.4 His love for me is everlasting (Jer. 31:3).

3.5 His plans for me are for my good (Jer. 29:11).

3.6 He will not leave when I have problems and persecutions (Matt. 19:29)

3.7 He will provide a way out to overcome my problem (1 Cor.10:13).

3.8 He healed me (Jer. 37:10).

3.9 I have a house in heaven (Jn. 14:2-3).

Conclusion:

Our true purpose is to love, embrace God's laws, evangelize and serve Him with heartfelt gladness and joy. Jesus Christ sacrificed his life to save our souls from the clutches of Satan. It is just fitting to give back the glory and honor to Him. Let this be inculcated in our hearts and minds. In consequence, the Lord will then reward us including our families with abundant blessings – peace and prosperity.

Reflection

1. Do you know your real purpose in life?
2. Do you understand the value of praising God?
3. Why did God sacrifice His begotten son for you?
4. Do you ask God wholeheartedly to change your life and deviant ways?

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