

The background is a misty mountain landscape. The mountains are layered, with the closest ones in dark blue and the ones further away fading into a light, hazy blue. A solid dark blue horizontal band runs across the middle of the image, serving as a background for the text.

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B E Y O N D B A R R I E R S

The background of the slide is a soft, blue-toned photograph of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the surrounding mountains. The mountains in the background are shrouded in a light mist or fog, creating a sense of depth and tranquility. The overall color palette is cool and monochromatic, dominated by various shades of blue and grey.

What's at the bottom of your joy?

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Question....

Do you feel more loved by God because He makes much of you, OR

Do you feel more loved by God because He enables you to make much of Him forever?

7 Ways in which God makes much of us:

Mat 25:23

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”

1) God is pleased with us!

“Well done good and faithful servant”

We get to contribute!?

7 Ways in which God makes much of us:

1 Pet 1: 3-5

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you.”

2) He makes us fellow heirs with Christ!

We will inherit EVERYTHING!!

7 Ways in which God makes much of us:

Luke 12:37

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.”

3) He will have us sit at table one day, and serve us!

Christ will serve us?

7 Ways in which God makes much of us:

1 Cor 6:2-3

“Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!”

4) By having us judge even the angels.

7 Ways in which God makes much of us:

Zeph 3:17

“The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.”

5) By rejoicing over us as His treasured possession.

7 Ways in which God makes much of us:

Mat 13:43

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

1 John 3:2

“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

6) One day we will shine like the sun / be like Him.

7 Ways in which God makes much of us:

Rev 3:21

“The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

7) By granting us to sit with Him on His throne.

He will share the rule of the new heaven and the new earth with us! We will rule with Him!

It's clear from scripture that God makes much of us!

- 1) God is pleased with us.
- 2) He makes us fellow heirs with Christ.
- 3) He will have us sit at His table one day, and serve us.
- 4) By having us judge even the angels.
- 5) By rejoicing over us as His treasured possession.
- 6) One day we will shine like the sun / be like Him.
- 7) By granting us to sit with Him on His throne.

A misty mountain landscape with a lake reflecting the peaks. The scene is serene and atmospheric, with soft light filtering through the haze. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The water in the foreground is calm, acting as a perfect mirror for the sky and the distant peaks.

But.....
What's at the bottom of your joy?

Every joy has a foundation

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What's at the bottom of your joy?

God at the bottom

Self at the bottom

Examples of “self” at the bottom

What happened to:

1) Judas?

2) King Saul?

3) Karl?

Examples of “self” at the bottom (present day)

Who is the first person you notice on a group photo?

What does your facebook / whatsapp profile look like?

What’s at the bottom of our friendships?

Question....

Do we enjoy worshiping God (make much of God)

because He is committed to making much of us? OR

Do we enjoy making much of God because of the kind

Examples of “self” at the bottom (present day)

Why is it that when we pursue self we are never satisfied?

When we reach the point of expectation in an activity, there is so often nothing there?

Listen up!

**A heart that is made by God....for God....
can only be satisfied in God!**

God at the bottom of our Joy!

We need an exchange at the bottom of your joy!

Luke 9:23

“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

2 Cor 4:5-6

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

We need an exchange at the bottom of your joy!

2 Cor 4:7-11

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.”

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We need an exchange at the bottom of your joy!

Don't waste your life!

We get to live with God at the bottom of our Joy.

An exchange at the bottom of your joy!

1 Pet 1: 3-5

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An exchange at the bottom of your joy!

1 Pet 1: 6-9

“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”