



Talk It Over
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"[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] that if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body]. Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own."- Philippians 3:10-12 (AMPC)

How amazingly great is it that the message which transforms us, empowers us, energizes us, and reveals to us His plan and purpose for our life is called "The Gospel" or "The Good News?"

"Happiness" is a response to "happenings," but the secret of joy involves a response to Jesus.

His glory is released through His disciples and His children, as they joy in Him, and their lives express that joy to others.

There can be no manifestation of this joy until we are possessed by Jesus.

The words "grasp, lay hold of" refer to a physical act.

First, Jesus took hold of Paul.
Second, Paul was trying to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of him.

On the Road to Damascus at noon, Jesus "grasped" Paul.

God's mighty hand on him possessed him and changed the entire scope of his life.

Christ possesses us with the definite objective of turning those energies into their God-intended purposes.

Jesus lays hold of us, not simply to forgive us, but to transform our nature.

He wants us to be His "witnesses," His evangelists, His missionaries.

You are grasped by Jesus, and as you grasp Him, your master passion will be an ever-widening, ever-expanding growth of Him in and through you, which will know no limit.

We are "grasped" by Jesus that He might "send" us forth into the fields already "white unto harvest."

Additional Scriptures: Nehemiah 8:10 (AMPC); Zephaniah 3:17; Luke 2:10 (AMPC); Luke 15:10 (AMPC)

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