

CHEER UP!!

SOME BELIEVERS THINK BEING BORN AGAIN FREES THEM FROM HAVING CHALLENGES IN LIFE. IN THIS LIFE EVERYONE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH CHALLENGES, BUT THE CHALLENGES SHOULD NOT ROB US OF OUR JOY AND GIVE US A DEFEATED ATTITUDE.

JESUS SAID WE WILL HAVE CHALLENGES (DISTRESS, TRIBULATION, TRIALS) IN LIFE.

John 16:33 AMPC

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

3 REASONS WE HAVE CHALLENGES

1. WE LIVE IN THIS UNGODLY WORLD

Ephesians 2:2 NLT

You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil-the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

2. SATANIC ATTACKS (A REAL SPIRITUAL ENEMY)

Ephesians 6:11 NLT

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

APOSTLE PAUL SAID SATAN HINDERED HIM DIDN'T STOP HIM

1 Thessalonians 2:18 AMP

For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again [wanted to come], but Satan hindered us.

3. WE OPEN THE DOOR TO SATANIC ATTACKS - BY OUR SPEAKING & OUR ACTIONS

NOTE - UNFORGIVENESS & UNCONTROLLED ANGER OPENS THE DOOR TO SATANIC ATTACKS

Ephesians 4:26-27 NLT

And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

WE MUST BE KIND & QUICK TO FORGIVE OTHERS

Ephesians 4:32 KJVS

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

- JESUS TOLD US TO CHEER UP AND DONT HAVE A DEFEATED ATTITUDE
- JOY ACTIVATES THE SPIRITUAL SYRENGTH IN YOUR NEW CREATION SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22 AMP

the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace....

- JESUS HAS OVERCAME OR DEFEATED THE GOD OF THIS WORLD SYSTEM AT THE CROSS

Colossians 2:15 NLT

he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

- WE ARE CHERRFUL BECAUSE JESUS VICTORY OVER ALL THE SATANIC FORCES GAVE US THE VICTORY OVER THEM.

THE SATANIC FORCES CAN NOT HARM US.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

4. WHY DO WE HAVE CHALLENGES IN LIFE?
5. HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND WHEN WE ARE IN A TEST OR CHALLENGE?
6. WHY DID JESUS TELL US TO BE CHERRFUL?
7. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE CHERRFUL WHEN YOU ARE IN A TEST OR CHALLENGES?

"The Word Works for Everyone That Works the Word"