

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

Joy Ride



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IN CHRIST WE CAN EXPERIENCE SUSTAINABLE JOY.
TEMPORARY CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT HAVE TO DIMINISH OUR JOY.
YOU CAN CHOOSE JOY ANYWHERE, ANYTIME, ANYWAY.

PHIL 1:3-6 (NIV), "I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU. 4 IN ALL MY PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU, I ALWAYS PRAY WITH JOY 5 BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW, 6 BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS."

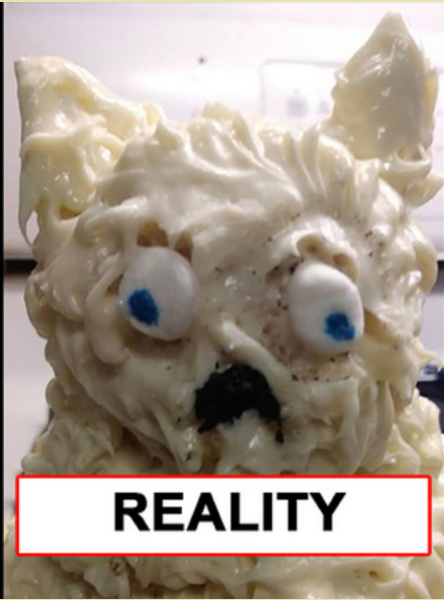


EXPECTATION

JOY JOY JOY



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REALITY



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SEEING YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU CHANGES EVERYTHING.



Ephesians 2:8-10, “8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

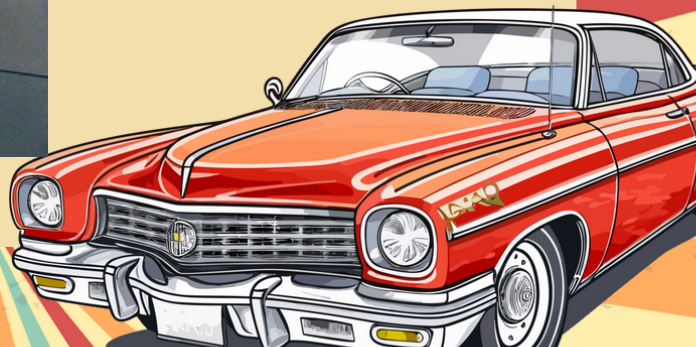
GOD’S ‘HANDIWORK’ = GOD’S MASTERPIECE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GOD'S MASTERPIECE?

**WE HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO SOMETHING BRAND NEW
WE HAVE INTRINSIC VALUE AND PURPOSE.**

WE ARE A REFLECTION OF OUR CREATOR.





PHILIPPIANS 3:10-14, “

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

IF YOU'RE NOT DEAD, GOD'S NOT DONE.

HEBREWS 12:1-3,

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

When I see myself as God sees me, I can:

Become everything he's called me to be.

Do everything he's called me to do.

