

## **LUKE 10:21 -- Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit! - Revealed Them to Babes!**

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*1/13/18 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente*

**Luke 10:17; 20-21** Then the seventy **returned with joy**, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." [20] Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, **but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**" [21] In that hour Jesus **rejoiced in the Spirit** and said, "**I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes.** Even so, Father, for so **it seemed good in Your sight.**

### **Just As I Am...I Come, I come – Charlotte Elliott**

1 Just as I am—without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am—and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am—without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Context/Biblical Background** – Jesus had just received the report, these men are excited. They're filled with joy, they've experienced His power. And they're coming back with these stories of victories in the name of Jesus that they had witnessed. And Jesus looks at them and they are just simple people. There wasn't a Ph.D. among them. They, coming just as they were, just simple people, plain, ordinary people who have experienced the power and the dynamics of the power of God in their lives. And that just thrills you. He just was rejoicing in His Spirit as they told of what was done.

### **Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced (exult with unspeakable joy, to be exceedingly joyful!) in the Spirit**

- **"rejoiced"** Rejoice is too weak a word. It is **"exulted in spirit"** - evidently giving visible expression to His unusual emotions; while, at the same time, the words **"in spirit"** are meant to convey to the reader the **depth** of them. **cf. 1Pe 1:8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you **rejoice** with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
- **In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit**,.... In His human soul: His heart was filled with joy, not so much at the success of the seventy disciples, and the subjection of the devils to them, as in the view He had of the spread of the Gospel, and of the revelation and application of the truths of it to multitudes of mean and despicable persons, while it was rejected by the wise and learned; and particularly at the sovereign and distinguishing grace of God towards the elect, whose names are written in heaven; upon the mention of which His soul was so affected, that He broke out in, an exulting strain, into thanksgivings to God, in the following manner, **This holy joy of Jesus was directly due to the Holy Spirit. It is joy in the work of His followers, their victories over Satan, and is akin to the joy felt by Jesus in Joh 4:32-38 when the vision of the harvest of the world stirred His heart.** Cf. **Luke 1:47** – **"my spirit has rejoiced"**
- This is **one of those rare cases** in which the **veil is lifted from off the Redeemer's inner man**, that, angel-like, we may "look into it" for a moment (**1Pe 1:12**). Let us gaze on it with reverential wonder, and as we perceive what it was that produced that mysterious ecstasy, we shall find rising in our hearts a still rapture - "Oh, the depths!" cf. **Heb 12:2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, **who for the joy** that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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- **O Father, I thank You!** I thank You for Your goodness. **You hid these things--doctrines of the Gospel--from the wise and prudent, but You've revealed them unto babes (little children).** Isn't it interesting that today we feel the qualifications for the ministry is to go to seminary for a million years

and become wise and prudent? And the greatest qualification for the ministry is a Ph.D. and several Masters degrees and so forth, and you've become very wise and very prudent. Now we feel oh yes, you're really qualified for the ministry. **You may be qualified for a ministry but you're sort of disqualified from the power of the Spirit in many cases.** Here were people who were just simple. And **Jesus is rejoicing that God hid it from the wise and the prudent and revealed it unto the babes.** He loved that. I thank You Father, You did that because it seemed good to You. What does that mean? **It means that everyone of you are qualified for the ministry to serve the Lord, to experience the power and the dynamic of the Spirit in your life and to go in the name of Jesus and heal the sick and bring life and a message of life to the people around you.** You don't have to be schooled in religion. You don't have to go to a seminary. **You can just go in the name of Jesus to the lost.** And **in the power of the Spirit you can bring a witness to them. You can rejoice also in the power of God that you can experience in your life as you minister to others.** (Chuck Smith)

- **Luke 10:21** - The Savior was "a Man of sorrows," but every thoughtful mind has discovered the fact that down deep in His innermost soul, He carried an **inexhaustible treasury of refined and heavenly joy**. Of all the human race, there was never a man who had a **deeper, purer, or more abiding peace than our Lord Jesus Christ**. "*He was anointed with the oil of gladness above His fellows.*" His **vast benevolence** must, from the very nature of things, have afforded Him the **deepest possible delight, for benevolence is joy**. There were a few remarkable seasons when this joy manifested itself. "*In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,"*"

#### SUMMARY:

- We see here, the only time that it is written, that our Lord Jesus rejoiced!
- He was a "Man of sorrows", but He did have His seasons of intense delight! Other examples, *John 4:32-38* – speaking of the whitened harvest; *Hebrews 12:2* – "*for the joy that was set before Him*"
- Note here also is **a blessed picture of us, His church here on earth! Walking in sympathy with our Lord along a thorny road, yet the church has a deep well of joy!**
- **You can just go in the name of Jesus to the lost. And in the power of the Spirit you can bring a witness to them. This apparently brings great joy to our Lord!**
- **You can rejoice in the power of God that you can experience in your life as you minister to others.**
- **Thank You Lord, for giving us seasons of intense delight! That we too, can rejoice in the Spirit!**

#### Week of Prayer – Daily Prayer Topics:

##### MONDAY

***"Prayers for Revival & Repentance" -- · Personal; · Congregational; · Our Church; · Our Community; · Awakening; · Salvation***

##### TUESDAY

***"Prayers for our Church" -- · Pastor Brian and Cheryl · Pastors and Church leaders · The Calvary Global Network***

***· The Local Church; · CCCM Ministries; · CCCM Outreach; Creation Fest; Beachside Summerfest; Glo; Etc***

##### WEDNESDAY

***"Prayers for the Nation & Culture" -- · The Government - State & Local Government; Federal Government; The President; · Cultural Influencers - Television / Film; Music; Literature; Fashion; Social Media***

##### THURSDAY

***"Prayers for the Home Front" -- · Families; · Marriages (Husbands & Wives); · Children / Prodigals; · LGBTQ; · Singles & Single Parents; · Youth Ministries; (Children/ Jr High / High School); · College / Career Ministry; · Widows; · Orphans***

##### FRIDAY

***"Prayers for the Body of Christ Globally" -- · The Church Universal; · Believers Everywhere; · Missions / Missionaries; · Church Plants; · Persecuted Church; · Refugees***

##### SATURDAY

***"Prayers for the sick" -- · Physical healing; · Spiritual healing; · Mental health; · Strength to persevere; · Healthcare workers; · Care Givers***

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