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"Rejoice in Jehovah; glory in the Holy One of Israel" (Is. 41:16).

"All the seed of Israel shall glory in Jehovah, and shall be justified" (Is. 42:25).

"The nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him shall they glory" (Jer. 4:2).

"That, according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor.1:31; read vv. 26-31).

"I have therefore my glorying in Christ Jesus, in things pertaining to God" (Rom. 15:17; read vv. 14-21 to see what Paul is talking about).

"But far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14; read vv. 12-15).

Paul said to the Corinthian saints: *"Great is my glorying on your behalf" (2 Cor. 7:2-4)*, and to the Thessalonian saints: *"So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which ye endure" (2 Thess. 1:4)*. Paul was not boasting in his own accomplishments, but rejoicing proudly in the wonderful fruits of his labor.

"And not only so, but we also rejoice (KJV - glory; same verb as in the above passages) in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh steadfastness" (Rom. 5:3). Compare 2 Corinthians 11:30 and 12:10 and the contexts there. *"And not only so, but we also rejoice (KJV -joy; same verb as in the above verses) in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation" (Rom. 5:11)*.

"What Do You Want Of Me?"

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Surely every child reared by parents has entertained such questions as these: "What do you want of me?" or "What do you expect of me?" or "What will it take on my part to please you?"

And the first answer ought **not** to be any of these: "I want you to make the top grades in your class," or "I want you to receive a fine education," or "I want you to be successful," or "I want you to prosper financially," or "I want you to make your mark among men," or even, "I want you to be like me."

But it should rather be something like this: "I want you to be honest, just, compassionate, and responsible," or "I want you to be a person with character and integrity," or "I want you to be happy and to promote the happiness of others around you," or "**what includes all of the preceding and more:** "I simply want you to become and then be a Christian for the rest of your life." A shorter way of saying that is this: "I want you to go to heaven."

Parents, children, are you listening?!