

Despising the Shame He Endured the Cross

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"Therefore seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 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." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Despising: from the Greek word *kataphronesas* which means: despising - from *kataphroneo* which means: **to think little of**; to despise, to scorn, and show it by active insult, or disregard. properly, look down upon, i.e. with a negative (or hostile) outlook; to despise, **esteem lightly, seeing as insignificant** or detestable; to treat with contempt or disregard; devalue; to depreciate (scorn); **pay no regard to** (because something seems of no account).

Shame: from the Greek word *aischynes* (*aischune*) which means: to shame; a sense of shame. a thing to be ashamed of.

Endured: from the Greek word *hypemeinen* which means: endured; from *hupomenó* which means: to stay behind, to await, to endure. Literally: remaining under (the load), bearing up (enduring).

Cross: from the Greek word *stauron* (*stauros*) which means: an upright stake, hence a cross (the Roman instrument of crucifixion). The crosspiece of a Roman cross; the cross-beam (Latin, patibulum) was placed at the top of the vertical *stauros*. This cross-beam was the one carried by Christ Jesus.

Jesus the Author and Finisher of Our Faith, **despised the shame of crucifixion**, that is He thought little of the crucifixion, esteeming it lightly, and so He **endured the cross** for us, so that we might receive forgiveness of our sin, which Jesus took upon Himself, again **despising the shame**, so that we might receive eternal life with Him forever in His Kingdom!

Consider these verses:

- The betrayal of Christ Jesus: John 18:2-12; Matthew 26:48-50
- Jesus is struck in the face before the high priest: John 18:13-24
- Peter denies His Lord Jesus: Luke 22:54-62
- The false trial and mockery of Jesus before another high priest: Mark 14:55-65
- Jesus falsely accused before Pilate: John 18:28-38
- Pilate sends Jesus to Herod who also mocks Jesus: Luke 23:6-12
- Jesus is sent back to Pilate, and is scourged, and mocked again: Matthew 27:15-30
- Jesus is forced to carry His own cross on the way to the Calvary hill: Luke 23:26-33
- Jesus endures the crucifixion: John 19:17-27
- Jesus endures more mocking while dying on the Cross: Matthew 27:39-44
- Jesus becomes sin for us while on the Cross: 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:28
- While on the Cross, the Father separates Himself from His beloved Son: Mark 15:33-35
- Innocent Jesus dies a criminals death on the Cross: John 19:28-30

But know this for a certainty, that it was **the joy** (our salvation) **that was set before Him** - it was **this supreme joy** in His heart, and soul, and mind - that gave Jesus the strength and fortitude to endure His suffering on the Cross, and to despise the personal shaming that He, the Son of God, also suffered from the shameful behavior inflicted on Him by godless men.

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Remember that Jesus is the Father's promised Messiah, the Son of David, the Beloved Son of God, the Holy One of God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Commander of the Armies of Heaven! All these shameful, and terrible sufferings, Jesus did consider them but a small thing to endure compared to the Joy that was set before Him!

Consider now that Joy:

“Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory **with exceeding joy**, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 1:24-25)

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; **but rejoice**, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, **you may be glad also with exceeding joy**. (1 Peter 4:12-14)

“For what is our hope, **or joy, or crown of rejoicing**? Are not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are **our glory and joy**. (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)

“And now come I to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they (us) might have my **joy fulfilled in themselves**. (John 17:13)

“Truly, truly, I say unto you, that you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and you shall be sorrowful, **but your sorrow shall be turned into joy**. A woman when she is in labor has sorrow (the pains of labor), because her hour is come; but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she does not remember the anguish anymore, for **the joy** that a man is born into the world. And you now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and **your heart shall rejoice**, and **your joy** no man can take from you.” (John 16:22)

And when she had found it, she called her friends and her neighbors together, saying, **Rejoice with me**; for I have found the coin which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, **there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents**. (Luke 15:9-10)

“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Halleluia: for the Lord God Almighty reigns. **Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him**: for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife (the body of believers) has made herself ready!” (Revelation 19:)

Finally, Jesus will say to each of His disciples. “Well done good and faithful servant, ...
... **enter into the Joy of the Lord!** (Matt. 25:21)

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For the Joy Set Before Him!

**Whose Joy? OUR Joy! MY Joy! YOUR Joy! HIS Joy! The Angels Joy!
Joy Forever in His Kingdom – Always and always – Truly truly!**

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give Glory and Honor to Him!

All Praise to You Lord Jesus – our Wonderful and Awesome Savior!