

Is it Too Good to be True?

I am fascinated and invigorated by the optimism and excitement found in children. Children normally are happy and expect good things to happen in their lives. Life itself and every one of its aspects is an adventure to them. You see these traits demonstrated daily as they live their lives. Then, at some point that all changes. They are brought back down to earth. The harsh reality of this world robs them of their great expectations and then goes on to snuff out their zest for life. They look at their previous behavior with skepticism and disapproval, "What was I thinking? How could I have been so naïve? Nothing good awaits me in this world. I will just try to hold on as long as I can until the end." However, what if one of the reasons that Christ came into your life is to restore what children intuitively sense is the way you should approach this life? This is exactly what He wants to happen.

[Psalms 126:1-6 ESV](#) A Song of Ascents. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. (2) Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." (3) The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. (4) Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! (5) Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! (6) He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

When you read something like this, that your fortune is being restored, do you respond like so many, "I must be dreaming." "This is too good to be true." That is your skepticism talking. This is reality. It is not a dream. God is that good to you. He loves you that much that He wants to break into your life and turn everything around. You might be struggling with debts and financial obligations. Abundance is coming your way. The pain of the past may be trying to drag you down and keep you from your destiny. Your broken heart will be healed. Sickness could be assaulting your body telling you that you never be free from it. Healing is on the way. God's goodness is going to reach you exactly where you need it. The only one that can stop it is you. Are you ready to receive it? If so, then...

1. The Repentance

You need to repent. Stop thinking the way that the world has trained you to think. This word, repentance, depicts a changing of one's mindset. Hit the reset button. Think like a little child when it comes to your perspective of this life. Expect good things. Get excited about life again. You won't regret it. Then you will start acting differently.

2. The Righteousness

I already know where some of you are going in your mind. You are saying, "But I have done so many bad things in my life. Surely I have disqualified myself from this kind of life that you are describing. This must be for someone else. I can't get it." What you forget is that can never earn or deserve what God does in your life. It is a gift. Here's the incredible thing: When you accept Christ, He takes your sinfulness and washes you, declaring you clean. But He doesn't stop there. He declares that you are now the righteousness of God. That means that He sees you as perfect and good as He is, His righteousness. This is how you are qualified to see these things in your life. Because of the work of Christ in redemption, you can expect your life to turn around.

3. The Restoration

So what is coming for you? I already touched on it but let's focus on it now. God will show His goodness to you in your finances. He will not just provide for all of your needs. He will lead you into abundance so that you can bless others. He will also touch your emotional life where most likely a lot of damage has been done. What has been broken, He will make whole. You will no longer walk around this world as "damaged goods". He will drive out every sickness from your body, restoring you to complete health. He will begin to restore relationships in your life. Either He will reconcile you with those you are at odds with and bring you both to the same page where you can now live and work together, or He will put new people in your life that you will be able to walk in unity with.

This is just the beginning. It is not too good to be true. It is exactly what He will do for you. Amen? Amen!

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