

Devotional From Charles Spurgeon

"Thy love is better than wine."
Song of Solomon 1:2

Nothing gives the believer so much joy as fellowship with Christ. He has enjoyment as others have in the common mercies of life, he can be glad both in God's gifts and God's works; but in all these separately, yea, and in all of them added together, he doth not find such substantial delight as in the matchless person of his Lord Jesus. He has wine which no vineyard on earth ever yielded; he has bread which all the corn-fields of Egypt could never bring forth. Where can such sweetness be found as we have tasted in communion with our Beloved? In our esteem, the joys of earth are little better than husks for swine compared with Jesus, the heavenly manna. We would rather have one mouthful of Christ's love, and a sip of his fellowship, than a whole world full of carnal delights. What is the chaff to the wheat? What is the sparkling paste to the true diamond? What is a dream to the glorious reality? What is time's mirth, in its best trim, compared to our Lord Jesus in his most despised estate? If you know anything of the inner life, you will confess that our highest, purest, and most enduring joys must be the fruit of the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. No spring yields such sweet water as that well of God which was digged with the soldier's spear. All earthly bliss is of the earth earthy, but the comforts of Christ's presence are like himself, heavenly. We can review our communion with Jesus, and find no regrets of emptiness therein; there are no dregs in this wine, no dead flies in this ointment. The joy of the Lord is solid and enduring.

News Bites

Over 42,000 university students from around the world will fill the Georgia Dome stadium in Atlanta Monday for the opening of the four-day Passion 2012 conference, whose speakers include Francis Chan, John Piper, Beth Moore and Louie Giglio. Along with popular speakers, lead worshippers will include Chris Tomlin, David Crowder Band, Matt Redman, Charlie Hall, Christy Nockels, and Kristian Stanfill.

Passion conferences are designed to draw university-aged young people, and many participants have had their lives changed. The Passion movement began in 1995 with a stirring in the heart of Giglio to see college students across the globe "awaken to the reality of a glorious God and Creator." Passion gathers college students from campuses and churches around the world and across ministry and denominational lines.

"We came here for one name and one name alone, and that's the name that raises the dead. That's the name that brings us back to life again ... that's the name of hope for the whole nation for your city, your campus. That's the name of Jesus."

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Upcoming Things...

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp. A parents study starting this Tuesday, January 10th. For more information contact Steve/Debbie Markl or Ian/Laurie McKelvy.

Quotes

The fear of the Lord is just the proper reaction of sinners to God's infinite holiness, or of creatures to God's infinite majesty. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we will learn truly to tremble before His great glory and burning purity, and see this as indeed the beginning of wisdom.

Eric Alexander



In the beginning, anything done for the first time was a "new world record".