### IMITATE CHRIST

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"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another..."

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His Peace & Joy

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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, **peace**..." (Gal. 5:22)

"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17).

"May the God of hope fill you with all **joy** and **peace** in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Rom. 15:13)

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, *rejoice*. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the *peace* of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14:27

"These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy** may be in you, and that **your joy** may be full"

John 15:11

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Hebrews 12:1-2

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"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."