

The Joy of Discovery

“You make me known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11).

Christian Author Randy Alcorn writes that: “No Joy is greater than the joy of discovery.” There is something in each of us that gets our hearts pumping a little when we set out on an adventure to discover something new. When you make that final turn on that scenic highway, and wow, there it is... That clear lake nestled up against those huge mountain peaks. It’s breathtaking, it’s beautiful, it’s the joy of discovery...

When you take these truths, and you bring them in view of our relationship with God. The discovery of who God really is in the person of Jesus Christ, seeing His glory and grace and steadfast love for our souls. Seeing that He truly is our Lord and Savior and knowing by faith His eternal promises. This is certainly the discovery of discoveries as we encounter the Divine and, in our souls, we share that eternal delight. Dear Christian, you remember those honeymoon hallelujah’s, don’t you? When you first came to know the Lord Jesus, and you felt like you were on Mount Hermon with Peter, James, and John as Jesus was Transfigured before your very eyes. You, for the first time in your life, were experiencing the true and free grace of God. You were walking in joy unspeakable and full of glory. And you were in the process of adopting a new approach and perspective on life by faith. This was a sweet time for your soul as you had finally surrendered it all to the Lord Jesus. And you were experiencing that delightful joy of discovery as you discovered the greatest thing of all, the One True God.

Now the good news is this: This discovery doesn’t stop at church camp. This discovery of who God is doesn’t stop at the altar after you walk the aisle of conversion. This joyful discovery doesn’t stop when you dry off from the waters of baptism. No, this discovery is only beginning... Yes, as Christians, we should daily be discovering more of who God really is. As we search out His Word and see His works in creation, it is there that we find ourselves on that scenic highway. Waiting for that last curve around the bend to be able to fully take in the beauty, glory, and transcendence of God!

And so, may you continue to go on the daily adventure of discovering more of who God is. Through Jesus you have been given access to His presence. You have a relationship with Almighty God, the God who spoke all things into existence and the God who sustains all of creation as you read this. This is a breathtaking thought that should make us jump with joy both now and forevermore. If Alcorn was right about his statement on joy, that it comes through discovery. Well, then, dear Christian, may you continue to dive deep into the Divine. May you jump headfirst into the wonderful wells of grace that are in Jesus the Living Water. Because it is there in the discovery of the Divine that unshakeable and unending joy truly grows and is found.

Respect the Blood,
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