Rejoice in the Lord

Php 4:4 **Rejoice in the Lord** alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Our stand as true soldiers is to always rejoice in Christ as the Lord of all our life.

Making friends with the enemy is never our stand as true soldiers of Jesus Christ

Making enemies is never our purpose as a Christian, but as a soldier we must be willing to face enemies because of our position in Christ but never because of a poor disposition in the flesh.

Faith will never leave your disposition poor.

Faith will never allow you to make friends with the enemies of the cross.

Faith will always Rejoice in the Lord and glorify God.

Romans 15:6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

Those who make friends with the enemies of the cross are enemies of God.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Php 3:1 Finally, my brethren, **rejoice in the Lord**. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

# “Beware of Dogs”

Beware of God’s enemies.

Unbelief

Unbelievers

Unbelievable

Beware of those that do not accept Jesus Christ as Lord of their life.

Ps 33:1 **Rejoice in the LORD**, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Ps 97:12 **Rejoice in the LORD**, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Isa 41:16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt **rejoice in the LORD**, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 61:10 ¶ I will greatly **rejoice in the LORD**, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and **rejoice in the LORD** your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Hab 3:18 Yet I will **rejoice in the LORD**, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Zec 10:7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall **rejoice in the LORD**.

Prophecy (two-fold) Revealed, (One-fold) Fulfilled

Mat. 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Mark 11:9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Luke 19:38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

John 12:15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

He has righteousness and salvation in himself.

They should not look for a king glorious in the eyes of man, but poor, and yet in himself have all power to deliver his own:

Mat. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

2Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

## The Advent of The King

### Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

The advent of the King is a matter of joy – The Coming of Jesus Christ

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout

O daughter of Jerusalem:"

The reason to "rejoice" is this King will promote the rights of all. He will solve all the world's problems.

I. The Greatness of His Position - vs. 9a

1. He is King - "Thy King cometh" The Messiah - The King of Israel

2. He is King by birth, as the Son of Man, Born of the lineage of David, Rights to the throne

3. He is King by nature - as the Son of God

1Tim. 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

(1) The King who alone has the absolute right to rule.

(2) The King who alone can remove sin.

(3) The King who alone can protect and promote thy rights.

4. He is King by conquest -

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

1. He defeated the devil - Heb. 2:14

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

1. He defeated death - by His own death

Rev. 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

1. He defeated sin - By a sacrifice

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

II. The Graciousness of His Character - vs. 9b

1. (He is righteous) – “He is just, and having salvation**”**

Rev. 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

1. He is just to His own Holiness -

Heb 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

1. He is just to His Word -

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(3) He is just to us as believers -

John 5:20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

Rom. 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

2. He is Savior - "Having Salvation"

(1) Salvation from sin –

Mat. 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Rom. 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

1. Salvation from sickness –

1Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1. Salvation from Satan and his works – tactics - devices

1John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

3. He is Humble - "lowly"

"Riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

(1) Kings rode on horses -

(2) Christ rode on a colt the foal of an ass -

Humility is essential to true greatness.

Pride is the results of littleness.

Mark 11:2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.

III. The Glory of His Kingdom - vs. 10

1. It is a spiritual kingdom –

John18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

2. It is a peaceful kingdom -

"He shall speak peace unto the heathen"

War is the curse of the nations -

He shall bring an end to war - not with the sword of steel but with the sword of His mouth - "The Sword of the Spirit" "The Word of God"

Rev. 19:11-16

3. It is a Universal kingdom -

Zec 9:10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

THE KING Cometh to call sinners to repentance

Mat. 9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 5:32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Having Salvation deliverance from all evil

Restoration to all Good

Like the beginning and recreation

Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Mt 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.