

August 8

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God will judge the wicked and their evil deeds in the future? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whose sins were judged at the cross and who is right with Him? Since I have been made right with God do I see the importance of learning to walk in joy and learn to rejoice? Am I a joyful Christian?

1 **God will judge the righteous and the wicked** — *Ecclesiastes 3:17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.*

What comfort do I get from the fact that God will judge the wicked?

What examples of God's judgment in the past can I praise Him for?

2 **I am judged and have been declared without sin before God** — *Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

What comfort does it give me to know that God has already judged me?

Why does Satan want me to think that I can be saved by keeping the Law?

3 **I am to rejoice in the hope that has come as the result of being justified** — *Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope....*

What service or worship experiences fill my heart and spirit with joy?

What things do I need to do to allow the Spirit to fill my heart with joy?

Spirit of Wisdom, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Romans 9:16-33

Evening: Psalms 74, 75, 76