

Fast-Nov.2018

3 John 2

“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul”

This is such a tender departing word for the church from the beloved Apostle John. He writes them, praying that all goes well with them with their soul.

It isn't a blessing for prosperity unless you mean a blessing for their spiritual health, which is the more likely having read 1st and 2nd John and 3rd John in context.

This passage has nothing to do with possessions but professions; of faith that is, as John shows in writing

“it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God”

(3rd John 1:5-6) and closes with a blessing, “Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name”

2.

Psalm 118:24

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

*** When your feet hit the floor, why not remember this verse because if you’re still breathing, it is the “day that the Lord has made” and I believe we should “rejoice and be glad in it.”**

*** It is another great day and another opportunity to serve as members of the Body of Christ**

Another day of opportunity to rejoice in the God of our Salvation to do as Jesus commanded us to do -

Matthew 25:34

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”

Matthew 25:35-36

“...saying “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited

3.

Psalm 31:7-8

“I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.”

Note:

“I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love.”

* The Psalmist is choosing to rejoice and be glad by saying “I will”

* Life is full of choices and we are free, moral agents and God will not choose for us.

Remind yourself today / pray -

That you will choose to rejoice and be glad because it's like a self-fulfilling prophecy; choose joy and you experience it! Choose gladness, and it's yours.

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the

4.

Pray today that God will establish you.

Romans 16:25 [KJ]

“Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my Gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began.

Romans 16:25 (Message)

²⁵All of our praise rises to the One who is strong enough to make you strong, exactly as preached in Jesus Christ, precisely as revealed in the mystery kept secret for so long”

God is able to establish the believer

The word -"establish" (*stērixai*^{PWS: 3724})

Means to strengthen, secure, make stable, set fast, and make firm.

The one thing men long for is to be secure, strong, and firmly established in life.

God is able to fulfill this longing.

**God is able to establish and strengthen man and to
give him a strong life.**

5.

Romans 16:25 (AMP)

“Now to Him Who is able to strengthen [establish] you in the faith which is in accordance with my Gospel and the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ (the Messiah), according to the revelation (the unveiling) of the mystery of the plan of redemption which was kept in silence *and* secret for long ages...”

Paul calls the gospel "my gospel."

*** He does not mean that he possesses the gospel, nor that he is the author and creator of it.**

*** He does not mean that he has formulated a man-made gospel that men are to follow.**

*** He simply means that he is a preacher of God's gospel, and God uses the gospel which he and other preachers proclaim to strengthen believers**

God is able to establish us!

1. Establish [strengthen] you by the Gospel

2. Establish you by the proclamation of Jesus

3. Establish you by God's revelation of the mystery

6.

Romans 16:25-27 (AMP)

“Now to Him Who is able to strengthen you in the faith which is in accordance with my Gospel and the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ (the Messiah), according to the revelation (the unveiling) of the mystery of the plan of redemption which was kept in silence *and* secret for long ages,

²⁶ But is now disclosed and through the prophetic Scriptures is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, [to win them] to obedience to the faith,

²⁷ To [the] only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One)! Amen (so be it)”

Established by Gods Revelation of the truth

*** It was a secret**

*** It is now revealed in the Scripture**

*** It is revealed for one purpose – To lead all to be obedient to Jesus Christ**

The benediction is a glorious declaration of praise

7.

Unity in the City and Nation

2 Kings 2: 19-22 [Message]

“19 One day the men of the city said to Elisha, "You can see for yourself, master, how well our city is located. But the water is polluted and nothing grows."

20 He said, "Bring me a brand-new bowl and put some salt in it." They brought it to him.

21-22 He then went to the spring, sprinkled the salt into it, and proclaimed, "God's word: I've healed this water. It will no longer kill you or poison your land." And sure enough, the water was healed—and remains so to this day, just as Elisha said”

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”

Philippians 2:2 **ESV**

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind"

8.

Unity among the Tribes

1 Corinthians 1:10 **ESV**

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment"

Psalms 133:1 **ESV**

"A Song of Ascents of David. Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"

Romans 12:4-5 **ESV**

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another"