



**The Happiness of the Christ: Happiness Disregards Shame; Ultimate Glory for the Resurrected Christ, Heb 12:2b; Principles from Heb 10:35-12:2; True Happiness**

**Hebrews 12:2** - Be concentrating on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our doctrine, Who, because of His exhibited happiness endured the cross having disregarded ...

39. Proof of our Lord's impeccability is seen in His demonstrated unconditional love for the human race indicated by the aorist active participle of the verb:

**καταφρονέω, *kataphroneō*** - "to scorn; despise; to treat with contempt; to disregard"

aorist: Culminative; contemplates the action of the verb in its entirety but regards it from the viewpoint of its existing results, i.e., the fact that Jesus Christ remained impeccable on the cross.

40. The Lord disregard the impact of our sins imputed to Him for judgment. He was aware that our sins were an insult to His status of undiminished deity and true humanity in hypostatic union.
41. Consequently, association with our sins was a much greater source of suffering for our Lord than the physical suffering He endured during the alleged Fourteen Stations of the Cross.
- active: Emphasizes the Lord's use of the enabling power of the Holy Spirit and perfect happiness in order to endure the cross, disregard the shame, and submit to judgment while maintaining status quo impeccability.
- participle: The action of the aorist participle *precedes* the action of the main verb which is *hupomenō*: to endure, and therefore should be translated "having disregarded the shame."
42. The aorist participle indicates that our Lord voluntarily received the imputation of our sins because of His unconditional love for us and his personal love for the Father.
43. His unconditional love for the human race is shown by His disregard for the "shame":
- αἰσχύνη, *aischunē*** - "shame or disgrace"
44. This refers to the fact that our Lord resisted the temptation to withdraw His participation in the salvation plan of God because of the disgrace of being not only associated with human sins but also judged for them.
45. Instead He continued to endure by means of happiness and made good decisions from the position of strength provided by the filling of the Holy Spirit.
46. Jesus understood His personal destiny was to be judged for the sins of the world. The Father provided the prototype system designed to enable Him to fulfill it. This is how the Lord was able to prophesy His death in:

**Luke 18:31** - And He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.

**v. 32** - "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon,



**v. 33** - and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.”

47. Knowledge of the Father’s plan informed the Lord of His personal sense of destiny. He acquired this knowledge by learning the prophecies regarding the Messiah. This knowledge enabled Him to conclude that He was the literal fulfillment of these prophecies. Knowledge of this decreed destiny contributed to his ability to endure the cross.
48. Once accomplished, His substitutionary spiritual death was efficacious in providing the “propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the entire world” (1 John 2:2).

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49. The final phrase testifies to the Lord’s victory over death and His transfer and glorification in heaven following the resurrection. The key word is the perfect active indicative of the verb:  
**καθίζω, kathizō** - “to sit down”
50. This is the session of the Christ which confirms His glorification. As a resurrected Human Being, He was allowed entry into the throne room of God and given the place of highest honor and authority, indicated by the locative of place of the noun:  
**δέξις, dexios** - “the right hand of the throne of God.”
51. This is a gesture of highest honor which signifies that Jesus Christ in His true humanity is recognized by God as having equal honor and dignity.
52. Therefore, the resurrected Jesus is a Human Being Who is now in possession of all authority and power. His exalted position will be recognized by the angels at the rapture of the church, prophesied in:

**Revelation 4:11** - And the twenty-four angelic heralds will fall down before Him who sits on the throne and will worship Him Who lives forever and ever, and they will lay down their crowns before the throne saying,

**v. 12** - “O Lord, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You created *ex nihilo* all things, and because of Your sovereign will in eternity past all things existed and were created *ex nihilo*.”

53. Here now is the expanded translation of our passage without commentary:

**Hebrews 10:35** - Therefore, do not throw away as worthless your confidence which keeps having a rich distribution of escrow blessings.

**v. 36** - For you keep on having need of perseverance so that when you have executed the will of God, you may receive the deposit which was promised to you.

**v. 39** - But we are not of those who retreat to the point of destruction, but rather of those who preserve their souls through doctrine.

**Hebrews 11:1** - Now doctrine is the assurance of our confidence and the evidence of things we do not see.

**v. 2** - For by means of doctrine did the heroes of old gain approval.



At this point the power of doctrine in the souls of believers under pressure is documented in the lives of over thirty Old Testament heroes from the dispensation of Israel after which the writer concludes:

**Hebrews 11:39** - And so, as a result of these witnesses, having received divine approval by means of doctrine, did not receive to themselves the promise,

**v. 40** - since God Himself, having decreed beforehand superior preferences and advantages on behalf of us Church Age believers for the purpose that, apart from us, they should not be completed.

**Hebrews 12:1** -For this very reason also, since we keep on having the support of such a great battalion of witnesses surrounding us, having stripped for action by laying aside every distraction, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, let us advance on the run with endurance in the conflict that is laid out for us to engage,

**v. 2** - be concentrating on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our doctrine, Who, because of His exhibited happiness, endured the cross, having disregarded the shame, and He has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### *VI. Principles from Hebrews 10:35 – 12:2*

1. Old Testament heroes serve as a source of motivation for Church Age believers in their advance toward spiritual maturity.
2. Motivation gains momentum if the believer consistently isolates his distractions and rebounds his sins.
3. Positive believers who have developed the three spiritual skills have stripped for action by isolating these distractions and are thus able to advance on the run in the spiritual phalanx.
4. Loyalty to this system enables them to build the endurance necessary for the daily scrum of the Invisible War.
5. Motivation, momentum, and endurance are the essential qualities necessary for the believer to fulfill the Father's plan for his life.
6. Fulfillment is the successful advance all the way to Mount *Plērōma* and receiving the conveyance of escrow blessings in time.
7. The modus operandi that keeps us from being distracted in this advance is occupation with Christ; concentration on Him as the prototype example of the sophisticated spiritual life.
8. Jesus was the Pioneer, Who openly conducted an historical experiment in which He demonstrated the validity of the spiritual life He bequeathed to the Church Age believer.
9. He successfully completed this plan by remaining impeccable throughout the judgment of our sins on the cross.
10. Thus, He not only pioneered the plan, He perfected the plan.



11. The secret to our Lord's ability to endure the cross was His mental attitude of perfect happiness.
12. Happiness therefore becomes the foundation upon which the superstructure of endurance is constructed.
13. Mission completed, our Lord was granted a new name: King of kings and Lord of lords. He is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God – a resurrected Human Being Who has command authority over all things.
14. Therefore we conclude by repeating the definition of true happiness:

True happiness is an inner resource developed from maximum Bible doctrine resident in the stream of consciousness and is so advanced in its grace orientation to the plan of God that all aspects of life are evaluated with regard to eternal rather than temporal implications. Consequently, happiness is the ultimate problem-solving device.

15. Therefore, we can sing along with the psalmist in:

**Psalm 118:24** - This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and [ שמחה *simchah* ] be in super abundance of happiness.