**PLEROPHORIA**

**I’m Happy Today O Yes I’m Happy Today**

Euphoria is when your spirit soars into a state of ecstasy and rapture. You are on a high that makes you feel on top of the world. Hopefully you felt that way the day you were baptized into Christ and knew God wrote your name in the Book of Life. But now let’s talk about another phoria every Christian should experience. Plerophoria. If you don’t know what that means, read the following verses.

Colossians 2:3 “*that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the* ***full assurance*** *of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ*”

I Thessalonians 1:5 “*For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in* ***much assurance****, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake*.”

Hebrews 6:11 “*And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the* ***full assurance*** *of hope until the end*”

Hebrews 10:22 “*let us draw near with a true heart in* ***full assurance*** *of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water*.”

Plerophoria is the Greek word highlighted in these scriptures. It is defined as “full assurance, much assurance.” A compound word broken down as PLEROS (“full”) and PHERO (“to carry”). Literally it means to fully carry my spirit. My spirit feels as if it is being carried by my faith to the very presence of God. I am convinced I am right with God. I have a full conviction of my faith.

Look at those three verses above again (I’ll wait).

To the Colossians Paul said they could have a “*full assurance*” based on knowledge found in the Bible. So if we read our Bible daily, and live it exactly as it says, we will experience Plerophoria. I’m just curious, have you felt that type of euphoria lately? If not, go back and read your Bible until you do. And while you’re reading it, hum to yourself the great hymn, *Trust And Obey*.

To the Thessalonians the gospel came to them in word, power, the Spirit, and in “*much assurance*.” They knew what they were talking about and it showed in their life. The apostles both taught and showed them what to believe. These Christians saw an approved apostolic example they could imitate and thereby know they were right. Think about that while you quietly sing *Faith Of Our Fathers*.

The Hebrew saints were encouraged to show diligence (to be very active) that their hope was real and that heaven was a “*full assurance*.” They knew salvation awaits those who live diligent lives of faith, hope and love. Are you actively showing others around you that you are a happy Christian? Be contagious. Live your faith! And let them hear you sing out loud, *Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine*!

He also told these Hebrew Christians to “draw near to God in *full assurance* of faith” knowing that it is based on the sure promises of a faithful God (vs. 23). God has never made a promise He would not keep. You can take His word to the bank. I can be carried to the highest joy of drawing near to God. I can feel Plerophoric.

Summarize it this way, I experience Plerophoria as I study my Bible, pray and talk of my faith to others. It is an emotion that knows no equal. To have “full assurance” of salvation is the greatest feeling in the world. In other words, we can experience this state of peace and joy daily as we walk with God.

I pray you are seized with a powerful case of Plerophoria today, and all this week! Go ahead, let it all out. Sing with me:

I’m happy today, O yes I’m happy today, In Jesus Christ I’m happy today.

Because He’s taken all my sins away, And that’s why I’m happy today!

I’m singing today, O yes I’m singing today, In Jesus Christ I’m singing today.

Because He’s taken all my sins away, And that’s why I’m singing today.

I’m praying today, O yes I’m praying today, In Jesus Christ I’m praying today.

Because He’s taken all my sins away, And that’s why I’m praying today.

I’m living today, O yes I’m living today, In Jesus Christ I’m living today.

Because He’s taken all my sins away, And that’s why I’m living today.

I’m happy today, O yes I’m singing today, In Jesus Christ I’m praying today.

Because He’s taken all my sins away, And that’s why I’m living today.

Doesn’t that just make you feel Plerophoric?

If not, start this article over again. Do what those verses teach. Sing those songs.

Rinse and Repeat.

Being a Christian is the greatest feeling in the whole wide world! I hope you agree.

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