

## INTRODUCTION

1. "Kingdom-inversion" can make living in this age feel strange - Phil 4:4
2. Kingdom joy is subjective yet also transcendent: *in the Lord*.

### 1st: Our Kingdom Joy is in the Person Who is the Lord: our Lord

1. Our salvation is our Savior: Isa 12:2
2. Yes, our salvation is *blessing* defined as life lived in union w/ the Lord Himself Num 6:23-27 - *His face* [Rv 22:4].
3. Ps 27:1 surrounded w/ threats: v2-3 [Rm 8:35-39]; v3-4 *confident* [joy] live w/ Lord in temple; secure [v5f]; v8 *seek face*. Lord loves more than parents [v10]!

### 2nd: Our Kingdom Joy is in the Salvation Accomplished for Us by our Lord

1. Ps 16:8-11 life in Lord: rejoice as victors over death: eternal joy & pleasures. David is prophetic voice of Jesus' faith, joy, hope. We, *in the Lord*, now have this faith, joy, hope - eternally. [A2:25-34 - citing Ps 16 & 110]
2. Ps 45:6-8 Enthroned Jesus perfectly joyful - Hb 1:8-9; v13 [cites Ps 110].

### 3rd: Our Kingdom Joy is in the Salvation Applied to Us by the Spirit of Our Lord

1. How are we united to Jesus? By HS.
2. A 13:52 *joy & HS*; Gal 5:22-23 joy of Christ-likeness - conscience.
3. Rm 14:17 Kingdom *joy in HS*; 15:13 *joy in believing*. The subjective act of believing is due to the transcendent *power of the HS*.

### 4th: Our Kingdom Joy is Nurtured by the Means Given to Us by Our Lord.

1. 1Th 1:6 *imitating Lord & receiving Word* = means of grace: even *in much trib*
2. Means of grace = provisions given by God & engaged by faith: private & public; personal & corporate. 1] Word; 2] Prayer; 3] Church; 4] Conscience
3. Rm 15:13 *hope - joy - peace*: as we exercise faith: *believing* in Jesus, living *by the power of the HS* in union w/ Jesus - a life of joy *in the Lord*.