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Sermon – What makes you Happy?

Scripture – Psalm 118, Mathew 18:3-7

Main Message – You can't go back and do it over again, but you can start doing it right, now!

Ahhh, if I could go back and fix the errors I have made in the past as a young person, wow, you know like a month ago. Probably most people have thought about such things to some degree. Going back to fix the past still wouldn't make you happy because they were all lessons that made you sit and listen here today. Today is the day to become happy. I have given some hard sermons the last couple of weeks. I need not remind you, but as hard as they were, this message today is even more difficult. Trying to get some people to be happy is like pushing a rope uphill walking backwards with eyes closed in an ice storm. Today is the day to be happy, so do it now!

There is nothing more ineffectual than a person whose spirit is crushed, and I am not only talking about Christians, but everybody. There is enough pain, suffering and generalized difficulty out there that you don't have to search very hard to find something that can steal your happiness. Spending inordinate amount of time dwelling upon the problems of the day will leave you despondent, which is what the *enemy of us all* calls a victory. Happiness and Rejoicing in the Lord and by that I mean proper happiness is ours to have as we rejoice in the salvation of the Lord. I like going on vacation. Anticipating of the vacation is almost as much fun. Our vacation is coming and so we can and should anticipate the salvation of the Lord. The victory is the Lord's and we are heirs of His Supreme Authority. Those who battle to get on top of the dung hill will be cast down. Those who are happiest when they oppress others will find themselves in dire trouble. According to Jesus own words, those who would harm our little ones, God's children if you will, WOE!!!

Read Mathew 18:3-7

But the target today is helping you to make it to the world of happiness and for that I will read to you a Psalm with many verses you will recall. Our challenge is to be happy.

Expository Reading of Psalm 118

So, the past is done. It's finished because there are no do-overs in life, but there are do-rights that we must do and foremost of them to live successfully is to be a Christian who actually looks happy and is able to rejoice and be happy because the Lord has forgiven our past, and has plans for our future and those are exceedingly wonderful plans.

Praise be to God!