

JULY 21

“ONCE YOU ARE BORN AGAIN, THE FIGHT BEGINS.”

READ

Philippians 1:25, Psalm 92:4

The Christian life is a life of joy, but when you struggle in your faith, your joy is affected. Once you are born again, the fight begins. It's not a fight to stay saved; it's the fight to enjoy what salvation encompasses. Satan seeks to destroy your faith. If your faith is weak, everything in your life will be weak. Satan's ploy is to do to you what he did to Eve: call God a liar. Every time you begin to doubt one of God's promises, that's Satan saying God didn't really mean what He said, or He didn't mean it for you. Don't listen to the enemy! If God said it, it is the truth forever. If Satan can diminish your faith, the joy of being a Christian will be reduced to going to church and performing works, which is not what real joy or real faith is all about. Joy comes when you believe everything that He says. Jesus prayed, "Father, let them have the kind of joy We have with each other." Jesus said to the disciples, "The joy I give you, no man can take away."

PRAY

Baptize me with joy — unspeakable and full of glory! I know that the joy of the Lord is my strength.

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