

ReMind

Daily Declarations (part 2)

- I Peter 1:13 ESV—“13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- James 1:21-25 ESV- “21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

1. Enter His Fulfillment. Nothing other than Christ and real life with His people will leave me complete and fulfilled today. There is nothing that will happen at any moment today that will satisfy me in the way that God already has and wants to do even more again today as He faithfully continues healing, restoring, and fulfilling my innermost incompleteness. There is no email, event, trip, phone call, check in the mail, experience, important meeting, debt paid off, numerical growth of my church, appearance in my mirror, or stellar news that will come today that will render me any less or more dependent upon Christ right now for everything... every breath, every heartbeat, every moment with my family and friends, every moment of stability or change in mine and others' lives. If I fail or if I succeed, I will lean into Christ exactly the same so that I can be both completely dependent and completely grateful in all things. If good or bad news comes, they are both merely additions to the whole because I am already whole in Christ and His Church without them.

- **For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; Colossians 2:9-10 NASB**
- **His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,**

II Peter 1:3 ESV

- Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Prov 3:5-8 ESV

2. Enter His Hope. I may hope for many things, but I only have one true Hope. I can stop waiting by the phone and checking my email for something to rejoice over and instead rejoice right now in salvation, hope, and true community already mine in the gospel of grace... and I should ESPECIALLY do this before any of other lesser hopes come to pass today, if and when they may. So then, whatever I am "hoping" for today, I must hope first, fully, and boldly in Christ alone, waiting expectantly for His intervention in all things, for fully knowing Him, His gospel, and His people are the ultimate goals of my life on this earth and eternity.

- Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame (disappoint us), because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
- To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, Colossians 1:27 ESV
- Since we have such a hope, we are very bold,
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33 ESV

3. Enter His Story. I am not the center of any story, including my own... and this is wonderful, liberating news. I am small, temporal, and completely incapable of creating, sustaining, or even significantly improving life in myself or in others, so I should not fully own the life, death, or growth of anyone, including myself. All the work I do today is only soil prep, planting, or watering. It is NOT what creates life. So relax... God is the only One who grows His Church, saves a soul, or decides my ultimate

outcome.

- **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. Hebrews 1:3 ESV**
- **And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Col. 1:17 ESV**
- **Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. Zech 4:6**
- **I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. I Corinthians 3:6-7 ESV**