

# Eternal Joy In the Resurrection of Christ



Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” <sup>3</sup> As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>11</sup> You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16



# The Human Quest for Joy

Without exception we all long for happiness... All agree that they want to be happy... They may all search for it in different ways, but all try their hardest to reach the same goal, that is, joy.

Augustine, Confessions X, 21



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# A Psalm About Joy!

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Psalm 16:3, 6, 9, 11





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Every man, whatsoever his condition, desires to be happy. There is no man who does not desire this, and each one desires it with such earnestness that he prefers it to all other things; whoever, in fact, desires other things, desires them for this end alone.

Augustine, Sermon 306





# Looking Everywhere for Joy

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# False Sources of Joy - Our Other 'gods'



# Other 'gods' Bring Sorrow

The sorrows of those who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

Psalm 16:4





Sin is not seeking joy & pleasure, but seeking it in the wrong place. If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak.



We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*



The True Source of Joy:  
God Himself!



# Delight In God's People

As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

Psalm 16:3



# Delight In God's Gifts & Provisions

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Psalm 16:5–6





# The Source of Joy - God Himself!

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.<sup>2</sup> I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” Psalm 16:1–2

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8



Joy - Now and Forever!



# Eternal Joy!

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11

# Eternal Joy Through the Resurrection

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Psalm 16:9–10





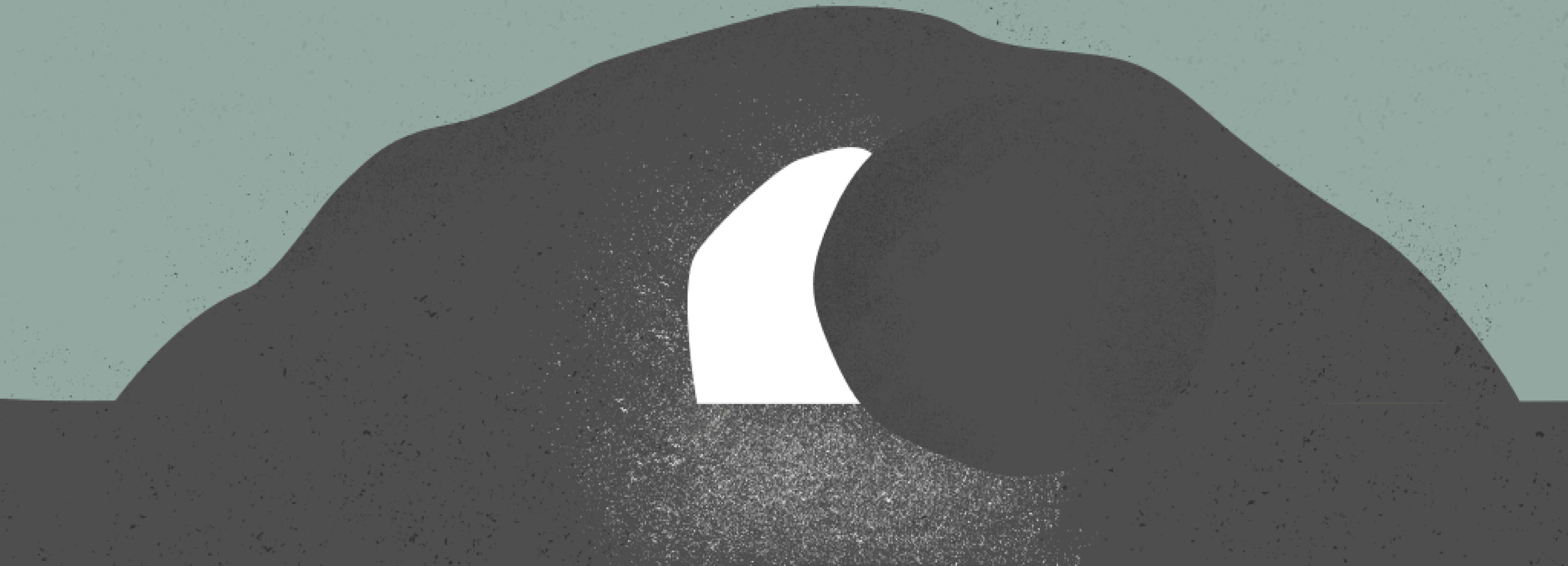
David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my  
body also will live in hope, <sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon  
me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill  
me with joy in your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. (Acts 2:25–32)

# Applying the Word





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