



A PROMISING PARADOX

A paradox is a statement, argument, or situation that appears self-contradictory or absurd, but upon closer examination reveals a deeper truth or reality.



**The unconditional love of God (grace)
loves us with conditions (truth).**



Both realities are maximized at the cross: perfect righteousness is displayed (truth) and perfect substitution is offered (grace).



**For He [*God the Father*] made
Him [*God the Son*] who knew no
sin to be sin on our behalf, so that
we might become the
righteousness of God in Him.**

2 Corinthians 5:21





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Sorrowful yet Rejoicing

**As sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as
poor yet making many rich, as having
nothing yet possessing all things.**

2 Corinthians 6:10



For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7



O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57



**The joy of the Christian does not
fear the sorrow.**



Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endures the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2



Christian joy is not the absence of sorrow – it is the presence of Christ in the midst of sorrow.



And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4



**Sorrow creates within us a holy
anticipation for the day when
Christ makes all things new.**



**All have sinned and fall short of
the glory of God.**

Romans 3:23



**Jesus took on the very form of
our humanity so that He could
live and sorrow with us.**



**He offered us His very life to ensure
that the sorrow of this world didn't
have the final word.**



**...but He *[God the Father]*
disciplines us for our good, so
that we may share His holiness.**

Hebrews 12:10



Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4



**Weeping may last for the night, but
a shout of joy comes in the morning.**

Psalm 30:5



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