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"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." Isaiah 61:10

As a couple prepare for their wedding day and clothe themselves with expensive dresses and tuxedos, so the Lord is covering His people with salvation and righteousness in preparation for a great time of celebration and joy.¹

Your name is written in heaven! When you became a Christian the angelic host threw a party! (Luke 10:20; Luke 15:7). This is the stuff of "greatly rejoicing" – "I am loved of God, redeemed by faith in Christ's death and resurrection; empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit!" It is from this perspective that you can now live life to its fullest – abundant life!

"For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Isaiah 61:11

Do you understand? This springing up in the earth is you being saved! This praise is your "greatly rejoicing." It is the Redeemed of the Lord proclaiming the goodness of our God throughout the earth; it is the Church of the Living God walking in the earth in the Spirit and power of Jesus Christ!

"For the earnest expectation of the creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Romans 8:19).

Rejoice greatly!

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¹ Revelation 19:7 – 8 also speaks to us of great rejoicing at the wedding feast of the Lamb. Here we see, not only is the Bride clothed in the salvation and righteousness of Christ (Isaiah 61:10), but it is her responsibility to prepare her own wardrobe for the wedding! "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."