

Lord Jesus never forgets His coming. There is a fixedness of heart in Him to come and fetch the Bride home to the Father's house, and I can have sympathy with Him in that.

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IT has been often pointed out that in this Epistle there is more about "joy" and "rejoicing" than perhaps in any other. And yet the Apostle is in circumstances that would naturally produce care and anxiety instead of joy, when writing it. But if we look carefully into the four chapters that compose this letter, we shall find that there are *four great and important points* that tell the secret of this Christian man being not only happy himself in spite of circumstances, but able to exhort others to "rejoice in the Lord always." And yet Paul was a *man* of like passions as ourselves. The four points are these: In the 1st chap., verse 21, Paul says that "for me to live is Christ." In the 2nd chap., verses 5 to 9, he has what he exhorts others to have, "This mind that was in Christ Jesus. In the 3rd chap., verses 13, 14, 20 and 21, he had the coming of the Lord before his soul continually. In the 4th chap., verse 13, he had Christ before him as his strength.

A Christian who has thus Christ as his *object*, Christ as his *example*, Christ's coming as his *hope*, and Christ Himself as his *strength*, is and must be a happy soul. Reader, how is it with you and I?