

I. To obey God's holy law, we need an expectation of future joy.

II. Objection: doesn't a promise of future happiness lead to license?

- A. Promised future happiness (1 Timothy 4:8)
- B. Same objection is given to justification by faith (Romans 6:1-2)
- C. Two poles of unbelief disguised as Christianity: antinomianism and legalism

III. Redemption is *from* a land of slavery *to* a land of freedom.

- A. From Egypt to Canaan
- B. From death to life (John 5:24)
- C. From blindness to vision (John 9:39-41)
- D. From enemies to friends (Romans 5:10)
- E. From lost to found (Luke 15:32)
- F. From strangers to children (Ephesians 2:19)
- G. And what is given between past forgiveness and future joy? A new way of life.

IV. Obedience to God is gratitude for redemption *and* living the life of the new land.

- A. There is the backward look: what we have been redeemed from
- B. If we see our future happiness, we will single-mindedly pursue it.
- C. Where will you look for reward?
 - i. because you *will* look for reward
 - ii. either in this life or in the life to come (Psalm 17:13-15)
 - iii. either from men or from God (John 12:42-43; 1 Corinthians 15:19)
- D. What is the value of being a Christian? (Mark 10:29-30)

V. Our future happiness is in Christ.

- A. The picture of what that coming life is like
- B. The one who gives us our inheritance and *is* our inheritance
- C. In sum, Christ is the one who gives us a confident expectation of future happiness – what we call “hope” (Hebrews 6:19-20)
- D. In Christ, we meet God.
- E. Do you believe the gospel of Jesus Christ?