

THE SACRAMENT OF LIVING

EPIPHANY 2011

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Fyodor Dostoevsky The Brothers Karamazov

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Jesus

The Sacrament of Endurance

The Sacrament of Living
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Romans 5 v 1-5

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

false wisdom

CONTROL

ENTITLEMENT

IMMEDIACY

John 16 v 33

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James 1

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Past, Present, Future of Salvation

our PAST is forgiven

we live in PRESENT grace

our FUTURE is hope of God revealed

A NEW WAY TO SEE SUFFERING

not minimizing pain

not ignoring pain

see potential in pain

PERSEVERANCE

CHARACTER

HOPE

Draw Near

Learn Humility

Perspective

Don't Go Alone

Let Compassion Grow

Be Defiant to Death

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