



5) After doing the above, do I have the peace of God?

God wants to lead us. The problem is often we don't want to surrender control. Once we do, we can rest. Even when God is silent, we can be at rest and not let self instigate. Be assured that God can lead you even when you don't know it! While you're in the growing pains of losing your life and hearing God's voice, remember this:

### GOD LIKES YOU!! (A Word from Pastor Schultze...)

I just came from a carpet store, and there was a young lady with a cute three-month-old fox terrier puppy. She got him from an animal shelter. The lady said, "At first, the dog was unsure of himself and somewhat intimidated; and already after ten days with me, he is coming into his own. He begins to like me." What the lady did not tell me is that before the fox terrier liked her, she liked him.

You need to know that God likes you as His trusting child. It will help you to like Him and to give you a healthy self-confidence. That will enable you to overcome all kinds of problems. Yes, even if you're a pup in Christ, making all kinds of mistakes and having trouble understanding what He really wants in your walking with Him, He still likes you. He had you on His mind before the foundation of the world was laid. You were on His mind when He purchased your salvation on Calvary's tree. Now, you are a redeemed member of the bride of Christ. God likes you. And He likes you so much that you and the likes of you provide a major portion of His daily entertainment!

You may be distracted from Him by many things you're busy with and by the accusations of the devil who never gives you a compliment for anything you do. But God is never distracted from you. Yes, He as He takes care of the universe. He has to provide for the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky. But He never delights in these things, because these things are temporary. They will time out. No, all His delight is in His people. So here's the word of God:

*"But to the saints that are in the earth, and the excellent, in whom is all my delight" (Psalm 16 :3). Yes, indeed, it looks like there is nothing else He delights in but His people. Or take this verse from Psalm 101:6: "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land."*

For God, the saints are the show! It is so fascinating, so pleasing to Him, that He never leaves the theater. Others may not like you as a follower of Him, but God does. Wow! You are His greatest treasure. And, of course, knowing that He likes you makes it a lot easier for you to like Him. It is like the relationship between the young lady and the puppy multiplied—exponentially one billion times, of course. And, by the way, let the devil know about this the next time he bugs you.

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Reports by Chrissy Bailey:

#### A Voice in the Wilderness New Chapter Report

What a neat chapter! I enjoyed reading about how God led Rev. Helm to meet George Washington Carver. Each time Rev. Helm would pause in telling the story to teach an insight, I would be fed. The teachings and advice were so good! I was very encouraged and enriched and uplifted after reading this chapter! Praise the Lord!

#### Dare to Be a Daniel Scripture Reading

I read Romans 6-8 three days in a row. I still could not soak in all that is in those chapters. There is always more truth to be found when you dig deeper. If only I would read my Bible more. If only I would study its deep truths. If only I could get a hold of these truths and live by them. If only I could grasp who I really am in Christ.

<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p>April 3-5, 2009 Spring Weekend June 7-13, 2009 Summer Retreat</p> <p><b>Assignments:</b></p> <p>✂ <i>Veteran Youth</i> <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester—January 26, 2009</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biography Book Report (choose from Booklist)</li> <li>• Servanthood and Witnessing Reports</li> <li>• Memorize: Psalm 103:8-16</li> <li>• Memorize a 3+ stanza hymn</li> </ul> <p>✂ <i>1<sup>st</sup> Year Shadrach Youth</i> <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester—January 26, 2009</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biography Book Report</li> <li>• Servanthood and Witnessing Reports</li> <li>• Memorize: Psalm 103:8-16</li> <li>• Shadrach Manual Report #2: Maturity</li> </ul>
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