

Study 9

THE BASICS OF LIFE ON THE WAY TO FINAL FREEDOM

having, by faith, a constantly maintained:

- * ***full assurance of the great unseen & unchanging reality: the lavishly-abundant grace of God in Christ***
(all we have been freely given to set us on THE WAY: an absolutely new liberty, identity, security, capacity & destiny)

having only:

- * ***one primary delight: the Father, Son & Spirit***
(finding our greatest happiness in all that They are, have done, are doing & will do—at all times, delighting in Them on account of Their every gift of ‘vertical’ & ‘horizontal’ pleasure)
- * ***three primary desires:***
 - ***the pleasure, glory & praise of the Father***
(seeking above all else to be a delight to Him at all times; to see Him honoured & adored by all, & His kingdom revealed)
 - ***our own conformity to the likeness of the Son***
(loving righteousness; hating, grieved by & dreading sin—and in joyous, resolute obedience pressing towards the coming Day)
 - ***others’ human freedom & fullness in Christ***
(yearning for them to know & exalt in God’s grace—and so, be able to wholly engage in the grand pursuit of their high calling)

in this, enjoying:

- ***personal rest & peace—and freedom to live truly***
(the promised foretaste of an eternal blessedness to come)

& all of the above, maintained within the context of:

- ***a relentless spiritual-battle***
(constant & intense conflict with the world, the flesh & the devil)
- ***the two essentials***
(the sure word of God & the intimacy of prayer)
- ***the two communities***
(the redeemed: the Father’s liberated & enlivened community of holy worship & love in Christ; & the world: Satan’s desperate community of idolatry & self-service in Adam; belonging only to one—living truly in both, in a prophetic, priestly & kingly way)