



“Joy Unspeakable”

Full of Glory
I Peter 1:6-12

Rejoicing in our:

I. Refinement - “gold...tried with fire” (vs. 6-7)

Revealing a faith that is:

- A. **Precious** - “much more precious than gold”
- B. **Persistent** - “more precious than gold that perishes ”
- C. **Productive** - “might be found unto praise...honor...glory”

II. Relationship - “Jesus Christ: whom having not seen”(vs. 8-9)

Resulting in our:

- A. **Devotion** - “ye love”
- B. **Dependence**- “yet believing”
- C. **Deliverance** - “receiving the...salvation of your souls”

III. Revelation - “Unto whom it was revealed” (vs. 10-12)

Relating the grace that is:

- A. **Sufficient** - “Of which salvation the prophets enquired”
- B. **Shared** - “it was revealed not unto themselves, but unto us”
- C. **Special** - “which things the angels desire to look into”

Sentence Sermon:

“The strength of our faith can be measured
by the greatness of our rejoicing.”

Additional Verses

- Hebrews 1:14
- Hebrews 2:3
- I Peter 5:10
- I Peter 1:18
- Isaiah 11
- Isaiah 53
- II Peter 1:20-21
- John 20:29
- James 5:3
- James 1:2-3, 12
- I John 5:4
- Romans 8:18
- Proverbs 17:3
- Romans 5:3
- II Corinthians 5:10

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. What does it mean that we greatly rejoice? About what?
4. What are some of the manifold temptations that we face?
5. According to verse 7, what good does the trial of our faith produce?
6. How can we love and believe in Jesus whom we have not seen?
7. Why are we told of the prophets searching diligently?
8. What is verse 11 talking about? What confused the prophets?
9. Why do the angels desire to look into the preaching of the gospel?
10. What are some of the toughest trials and temptations for your faith?
11. How does our future glorification impact your ability to handle trials?
12. What do you love most about Jesus?

Introduction:

Who is Peter?

- Jesus renamed Simon as Cephas or Peter...to correct my mistake from last week.
- Glory mentioned 3 times
- Faith, rejoicing, suffering, salvation

Peter stressed that a Christian's joy is independent of his circumstances but directly connected to his faith.

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What Good is (WHY REJOICE IN) SUFFERING?

- **When You Are Suffering, You Become More Aware of God's Strength in Your Life**
- **When You Are Suffering, Your Trust in God and Your [Faith](#) Increases**
- **When You Are Suffering, God Can Give You a New and Refreshed Perspective**



V. 6

- **Greatly rejoice = exceedingly glad**
- **For a season = small time**
- **If need be = if it is part of His plan for you**
- **Heaviness = to grieve, sorrow, sadness**
- **Manifold = various types or colors**
- **Temptations** = “pirasmos” the trial of man’s fidelity, integrity, virtue, constancy. *1B1* an enticement to sin, temptation, whether arising from the desires or from the outward circumstances. *1B2* an internal temptation to sin
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V. 7

- **Trial = Testing the external qualities...** AV translates as “approved” six times, and “tried” once. **1** accepted, particularly of coins and money. **2** accepted, pleasing, acceptable. *Additional Information:* In the ancient world there was no banking system as we know it today, and no paper money. All money was made from metal, heated until liquid, poured into moulds and allowed to cool. When the coins were cooled, it was necessary to smooth off the uneven edges. The coins were comparatively soft and of course many people shaved them closely. In one century, more than eighty laws were passed in Athens, to stop the practice of shaving down the coins then in circulation. But some money changers were men of integrity, who would accept no counterfeit money. They were men of honour who put only genuine full weighted money into circulation. Such men were called “dokimos” or “approved”. Donald Barnhaus
- **Being much more precious = especially dear and honorable**
- **Than gold that perishes = even gold is not as valuable because it does not last forever.**
- **Tried with fire = to examine or test**
- **Might be found = to be discovered by examination or inquiry**
- **Unto = in preparation for**
- **Praise = commendation (Appreciation)**
- **Honour = price, sum, precious (Value)**
- **Glory = dignity, majesty, magnificence, excellence, brightness (Exaltation)**
- **Appearing of Jesus Christ = The BIG day where we see Him and all of His glory...Day of celebration**

V. 8

- **Having not seen = We are truly in a faith relationship with Jesus...Hebrews says “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”**
- **Ye love = WHY?...Because there is evidence that HE FIRST LOVED US !**
- **Though now ye see Him not = It is purely by faith in the Written Word of God**
- **Ye Rejoice = same word as before in verse 6 “greatly rejoice” ...to be exceedingly glad**
- **Joy unspeakable = joy that you cannot quite explain...Literally you can not find sufficient words to express....Filled with expectation of future deliverance**
- **Full of glory = being endowed with glory from above....supernatural ability to glorify God in difficult times.**

V. 9

- **Receiving the end of your faith = When faith will be sight and God redeems our bodies and souls....**
- **Salvation of your souls = not just the immaterial part of you but in this usage...the whole man**
- **CHRISTIANS HAVE REASON TO REJOICE:** Peter tells us, We have a:
 - **Living hope**
 - **Permanent Inheritance**
 - **Divine protection**
 - **Developing Faith**
 - **An Unseen Savior**
 - **Guaranteed Deliverance**

V . 10

- **Prophets enquired = Investigate, scrutinize, seek to understand...They tried to understand and had a desire to know**
- **diligently = emotionally and ambitiously ...It's the picture of a dog sniffing out the trail .**
- **Who prophesized of the grace = They wrote of God's grace and deliverance by way of the Messiah but could not fully understand how it would work**
- **Unto you = God has blessed us with the message that has traveled so far and by the hands of so many messengers.**
 - **NOTICE all the language of messengers in the next couple verses.**
 - **Prophets**
 - **Spirit of Christ signifies**
 - **Testified**
 - **It was revealed**
 - **Minister the things unto us**
 - **Reported unto you**
 - **Preached the gospel**
 - **Angels**

V. 11

- **Searching what or what manner of time = When would Jesus take the throne of David ? How could He die and still establish His kingdom? Judas may well have been a casualty to this confusion.**
 - **The Mountain Peaks Analogy...Close or Far away? 2000 years apart but looked like ...**
 - **Sufferings of Christ**
 - **The Glory to Follow**

V . 12

- **To whom it was revealed that not unto themselves but unto us = The prophets were carrying a message to us that wasn't meant for them. We are indeed blessed!**
- **Preached the gospel unto you = euangellizo – the message of good news...**
- **With the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven =**
- **Angels desire to look into = to stretch forward the head through a door or window to get a brief look at something....the picture is of angels peeping to get a glimpse...**
 - **Why is all this happening...**
 - **Jesus loves humans ?**
 - **The Lord of Heaven is allowing Himself to be humbled into man kind**
 - **Jesus, creator of the universe being put on the Cross and Dying**
 - **Jesus, being buried?**
 - **Jesus being raised from the dead**
 - **Jesus sticking around with the people who killed Him for 40 more days?**
 - **Sinful Humans being offered a way to being in a holy heaven?**
 - **GOSPEL – Jesus being the substitute for mankind...Jesus being offered as a sacrifice to pay for man's sins. The possibility of repentance and forgiveness. Redemption?**