

## Philippians 4:12–13 (HCSB)

<sup>12</sup> I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances ***I have learned the secret of being content***—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. <sup>13</sup> ***I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.***

(Pray that we would care more about ***knowing, obeying & enjoying God*** than how well/poorly our business is doing...)

**Kids:** (Pray that we would care more about ***knowing, obeying & enjoying God*** than how much fun we are or aren't having here and now...) **John Piper...**

- When God is Big, this Life is Small (Health & Sickness)

## Matthew 10:29–31

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

(Pray that God would give us boldness to deliberately spend our lives representing Jesus...in sickness & in health)

## Beyond Trust to Joy...

### 1 Peter 2:23

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; ***when he suffered***, he did not threaten, but continued ***entrusting himself to him who judges justly.***

### Hebrews 12:2

<sup>2</sup> looking to ***Jesus***, the founder and perfecter of our faith, ***who for the joy that was set before him*** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Hebrews 12:1–2a

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, ***let us also lay aside*** every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and ***let us run with endurance*** the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> ***looking to Jesus...***

<sup>i</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 302). New York: United Bible Societies.

<sup>ii</sup> Quoted from a Review Ed Welch's book by Greg Gilbert on the 9Marks web site.

# Our Christian Identity: 1 Peter

[#2] Celebrate the Rich Joy of Our Inheritance! – 1 Peter 1:3-12

## Sermon Outline – June 12, 2016

### Children's Sermon: Resurrection Eyes

#### Rope

- When you play video games...are you afraid?
- If we could be sure that after we died that we would come back to life, how would that help us live today?

### 2 Corinthians 4:14, 16–18 (HCSB)

...knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ...

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an ***absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory.*** <sup>18</sup> So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but ***what is unseen is eternal.***

Notes:

### Peter's Purpose in Writing

#### Last Week's Clear Biblical Bullet...

By knowing who we are and where we are, we will be equipped to patiently endure life's trials for God's glory.

**Who?** God's Rescued People; **Where?** Resident Aliens

**Therefore:** Trust & Obey ***Patiently***

### 1 Peter 4:19

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let ***those who suffer according to God's will*** entrust their souls to a faithful Creator ***while doing good.***

### Rejoice/Celebrate Who We Are! (1-9)

#### Brief Grammar Lesson:

- What is the difference between a participle and a main verb?
- Why does this matter in understanding the NT?

<sup>6</sup> In this ***you rejoice***...

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, ***you love*** him. Though you do not now see him, ***you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*** <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**ἀγαλλιάω**: to experience a state of great joy and gladness, often involving verbal expression and appropriate body movement—to be extremely joyful, to be overjoyed, to rejoice greatly.<sup>1</sup>

### Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Celebrate the rich, invulnerable inheritance we have received from God. Not only trust but joy!

### God's Character & Power (Father & Son)

<sup>3</sup> **Blessed be the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- God the Father's Mercy (Character)
- "Caused..." (Power)
  - By Means of the Resurrection Life of Jesus...
  - Guarding our "Ready Salvation"...

### Our Rich Inheritance

- Giving Us a New Life...
- Imperishable, Undefiled, and Unfading...

### Our Hope, Faith & Love

- A Living Hope
- "being guarded through faith"

<sup>6</sup> **In this** you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- The Salvation of Our Souls (Love of God)

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Prophets & Angels (10-12)

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring <sup>1</sup> what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating (making clear) when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

- What you have in the gospel of Jesus Christ was the whole point of the ministry of the OT prophets.
- Your salvation is the very thing angels long to look into!

### When God is Big...

#### ...Fired at our Life & Heart

When we see the joy our salvation our troubles are small.

### Take the Troubles from Last Week...

- When God is Big, People are Small  
**When People Are Big and God is Small**, by Ed Welch  
"Welch is uncompromising in his insistence that the fear of man, the desire to be wanted and accepted and needed by other people, is common to us all. ...The central thesis of Welch's argument is this: "Regarding other people, our problem is that we need them (for ourselves) more than we love them (for the glory of God.). The task God sets for us is to need them less and love them more," (p.19). ... People, or more properly your need for people, must get smaller, and God must get bigger in your mind." <sup>ii</sup>

(Cf. **Matthew 10:32-33**; e.g. **Celebration & Worship – Pray that we would have eyes to see this Joy**)

- When God is Big, Our Craving for Riches is Small (Poverty & Riches)

<sup>1</sup> All three words have the same sense to, "attempt to learn something by careful investigation or searching"  
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