

1 Peter 1:6-9

The Joy of Salvation, Part 2

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What's the point?

Major themes in 1 Peter¹

- Enduring trials: 1:6-7*; 2:19-21; 3:13-14; 4:1-2, 12-19; 5:9-10
- Revelation of Jesus Christ: 1:3-9, 13*; 2:12; 4:13*; 5:1-4, 10
- Witness in the world: 1:14-16; 2:11-18; 3:1-2, 13-16; 4:3-5, 8-11
- A chosen people: 2:4-5, 9-12
- Love amongst the church: 2:1; 3:8; 4:8-11

¹not all of them, mind you

1 Peter 1:3-5

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us **to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for **a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

I sure hope so

- What is our hope?
 - 2 Peter 3:9-16 – *the day of the Lord*
 - Colossians 3:4 – *we will also appear with him in glory*
 - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 – *we will all be changed*
 - Constable: “Because He lives, we shall live.”
- What does Peter mean when he talks about salvation?
 - 1:5 – *salvation ready to be revealed*
 - 1:9 – *the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls*
 - 1:10 – *the prophets prophesied of the grace that would come to you*
 - 2:2 – *you may grow in respect to salvation*
 - 2 Peter 3:15 – *regard the patience of our Lord as salvation*
 - Fanning: “...the actual words for 'salvation' have a predominantly future orientation in 1 Peter.”

1 Peter 1:6-7

*6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that **the proof of your faith**, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at **the revelation of Jesus Christ**;*

Water and oil

6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials

- In what are we rejoicing?
 - We are born again to a living hope
 - We will obtain an imperishable, undefiled and unfading inheritance
 - See also 2:23
 - God will protect us for our future salvation, resurrection
 - Wuest: “The saints are to rejoice in the last time, that is, when they receive their glorified bodies at the Rapture.”
- Through what are we rejoicing?
 - The distresses of various trials
 - These “testings” are external

Passing the exam

*7 so that **the proof of your faith**, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at **the revelation of Jesus Christ**;*

- *The proof of your faith*
 - Alt. translation – the genuineness of your faith
 - Same word used in James 1:3
- *May be found to result in praise and glory and honor*
 - Whose praise and glory and honor is this, ours or Christ's?
 - How does our faith result in this?
- *At the revelation of Jesus Christ*
 - Why do we have to wait until the revelation of Jesus Christ?
- Is there a difference between how James and Peter present trials?
 - Peter – faith through trials result in the praise and glory of God
 - James – faith through trials result in our spiritual maturity
 - See James 1:2-4

Living without sight

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

- We have not seen Christ, not do we see him now
 - Hebrews 11:1 – *Faith is the...conviction of things not seen*
 - John 20:29 – *Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed*
 - Please note that lack of sight does not imply lack of evidence
- And yet we greatly rejoice
 - *Inexpressible*² – transcends the bounds of normal speech
 - See Ephesians 3:19-21
 - *Full of glory* – literally, glorified
 - See Acts 3:13

²Word is used on this one time

Alternate translations of verses 8 & 9

- J.B. Philips: *At present you trust him without being able to see him, and even now he brings you a joy that words cannot express and which has in it a hint of the glories of Heaven; and all the time you are receiving the result of your faith in him—the salvation of your own souls.*
- Wuest: *Whom not having seen, you love because of His preciousness, in whom now not seeing yet believing you are to be rejoicing with an inexpressible and glorified joy upon the occasion of your receiving the promised consummation of your faith which is the salvation of your souls.*

The end of faith

9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your³ souls.

- What do we get out of it?
 - *Obtaining* – is this a present or a future thing? a one-time event or a continuing event?
 - Same word used in 5:4
 - *The outcome* – greek word is “teleos”, meaning, the termination or culmination
 - Also used in 3:8 and 4:7
- Is this outcome for us, or for others?
 - Are we rejoicing in our salvation?
 - Or are we rejoicing that others may see our faith and come to Christ?
 - See 2:12

³some early manuscript does not contain the word “your” 