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Review

"The Joy of Our Salvation"

1. Promise—this "joy" can be ours even in the midst of trials.

- 2. Product—our trials produce a two-fold fruit.
 - They increase our faith in God.
 - They increase our love for God.
- 3. Purpose-to make our trials count (Romans 8:28)

There is something ...

- Confidential about trials "we know"
- Comprehensive about trials "all things"
- Constructive about trials "God...works for the good."
- Conditional about trials (1) "Love God"; (2) "Called" by God

The PRIVILEGE of our SALVATION

1. The OT Prophets prophesied about it.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:10, NASB95 - ¹⁰ As to this salvation, the [OT] prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries ¹¹ seeking [lit., to earnestly seek out, a casual glance in His direction is hardly sufficient] to know [lit., experience] what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings

of Christ and the glories to follow. [They saw Mount Calvary and they saw the Mount of Olives, but they didn't see the valley between them—of two thousand years. They didn't understand that they were writing of two comings—that the Messiah would come as a Suffering Savior before returning as a Conquering King.]¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you... [They wouldn't see it in their lifetimes. We have the unique advantage point: We can see Christ's life and miracles recorded by eye-witnesses. We see His saving death and resurrection, read His words and promises, and see how the church grew and spread throughout the world, in spirit of persecution.]

POINT: For the OT Prophets, this Salvation was worth seeking!

2. The NT Apostles preached about it.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:12B, NASB95 - in these things which

<u>now</u> [now we've switched to the NT Apostles] have been <u>announced</u> [lit., proclaimed] to you through those who <u>preached</u> [the word "preacher" is taken from picture of a runner in biblical days that would run before a returning king/army to tell the city of the victory that had already been won in a war! The runner was an eyewitness to the victory] the <u>gospel</u> [lit., good news—it is the sum total of saving truth about Jesus] to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven...

POINT: For the NT Apostles, this Salvation was worth finding!

3. The Heavenly Angels were curious about it.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:12, NASB95 - ¹² ...things into which

angels long to look [lit., to stoop over, look into and examine—it's the same Greek word used to describe what Peter did when he peered into the tomb on Easter Sunday (cf., Luke 24:12). The word can also be translated "marvel."

POINT: If the angels marvel at the hope we have in Christ, shouldn't we?

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

The **PRIVILEGE** of our **SALVATION**

(An Observation from 1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

_____ will be Transformed.

"We will all be changed... this perishable must put on imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality." w. 52-53

B. Our ______ will be Terminated.

"O death, where is your sting...but thanks to be God who gives us the victory. w. 54-57

_____ will be Glorious.

1 Corinthians 15:58, NASB95 -⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, [What shall we be?] be steadfast, immovable, [What shall we do?] <u>always</u> <u>abounding in the work of the Lord</u>, [What shall we know?] <u>knowing that</u> your toil is not in vain in the Lord.



A. Our

C. Our

Our salvation is the greatest <u>privilege</u> and it carries a great <u>responsibility</u>!

ANSWERS TO THE MESSAGE:



- 1. Bodies
- 2. Sin
- 3. Reward