

Good News of Great Joy

1 Peter 1:3-9

Part 2

Our Living Hope

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Introduction:

I. Only in God's Saving Mercy are God's Joy & Our Joy United.

II. But in God's Saving Mercy, Our Joy is as Unstoppable as God's Own Joy:

Because our Salvation is:

A. Rooted in the Irrepressible Activity of God's Mercy.

"who according to His abundant mercy" v. 3b

B. Accomplished by the Irreversible Infusion of God's Life.

"has begotten us again to a living hope" v. 3c

C. Secured & Completed by Unstoppable Application of God's Power.

"through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" v. 3d

III. Peter's Presentation of the Gospel of God & His Grace reminds us of:

A. Our Indispensable "Doctrines of Grace" Foundations.

B. The Transforming, Whole-Life vision of New Life in Christ.

C. The Deep Practicality of the doctrines of Heaven, Assurance & Joy.

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3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.