

“Rejoicing in Our Great Salvation: Rejoice in God’s Work” 1 Peter 1:3, Sermon Notes
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“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.”
(1 Peter 1:3 NAU)

Text Main Idea:

Direct the people of God to rejoice in God’s work of salvation

Sermon Main Idea:

Reflect on the reasons how our salvation causes us to rejoice in God the Father

Type of Sermon:

Exhort	(To Godliness, Encourage)
Rebuke	(Sinful Living, Train)
Reprove	(Bad thinking, Teach)
Test	(Evaluate yourself, Convict)

Textual Outline:

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of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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Homiletical Outline:

Five doctrinal truths which remind us to rejoice in our great God

1. The Father saves – implied by the directing of blessing to the Father
2. The Father sent the son – implied by the work of the Son
3. The Father demonstrates mercy – explained by the verse
4. The Father gives life – explained by the verse
5. The Father resurrects from the dead – explained by the verse

Outline for the Series:

In the text before us we learn of five reasons we are to rejoice in our salvation

1. Rejoice in God's Work vs 3
2. Rejoice in God's Gift vs 4
3. Rejoice in God's power vs 5
4. Rejoice in Persecution and Suffering vs 6-9
5. Rejoice in God's Redemptive Plan vs 10-12

Focal Point:

Vs.3_Blessed be the God and Father

Homiletical Keyword:

Salvation

Interrogative: Who, **What**, Where, When, How? (**What has God done in our salvation which causes us to rejoice?**)

Introduction:

If we could lose our salvation we would

- The battle of salvation is the battle over the new life
- The new life seeks God
- The new life lives for God
- The new life lives for the glory of God

Body of Content:

Five doctrinal truths which remind us to rejoice in our great God

1. The Father saves – implied by the directing of blessing to the Father

When you think about your salvation which member of the Holy Trinity do you think of to give the most praise?

- Naturally the Son
- The Lord Jesus Christ for all that He has done taking on humanity living on our behalf and giving up himself for us
- We are to live like Christ, Christ is our head, Christ is our model example
- Christ is working for us even now as He intercedes for us before the Father
- So most naturally we would think of Christ

But we see Peter is directing his praise to the Father

Eph 1:3-6

John 6:37, 39

John 17:2

Eph 2:4-6

- This is why we direct our attention to God the Father

The plan of salvation has always been attributed to God the Father

- The Father willed and made His intention known through the Son Eph 1:9

Christ came to do the will of the Father

- John 4:34
- John 17:4
- John 5:30
- John 6:38

The first doctrinal truth which causes us to rejoice is that God the Father is the author of our salvation and has given us to the Son so that we could come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ

All that Peter is going to say here points to the praise of the Father

- He gave us mercy
- Caused us to be born again vs 3
- Given us hope to live by – eternal life vs 3
- Demonstrated that it is certain by the resurrection of the Son vs 3
- Given us an inheritance which cannot be lost vs 4
- Protects us by His power vs 5
- So our response to this great salvation is praise to the Father vs 6
- This salvation which came to us through Christ is tested by persecution vs 7-8
- Result of endurance is our salvation vs 9
- These things the Prophets longed to understand vs 10-12

There are so many reason to praise the God of our salvation

2. The Father sent the Son – implied by the work of the Son

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”

- Again we need to see that
- Eph 1:17

John 8:16, 18, 26, 29, 42 “the Father sent me”

- To speak of the Son is to remember the Father who sent the Son
- The Son who points back to the Father
- The Son who reveals the Father
- The Son does the works of the Father

Second theological truth which leads us to praise and glorify the Father is the revealing of the Son Jesus Christ points back to the work of the Father to save

- Jesus came to do the will of the Father
- Jesus came and is our Lord because of the Father
- We have been given to the Son by the Father

- We find our relationship to God the Father through the Son Jesus Christ because that is how the Father planned to bring about our redemption

The fact that Peter refers to Him as our Lord

- Opens the concepts we are thinking about to the incarnation, the reason for the incarnation – the Father sending the Son, and the redemptive work of Christ, and the Reward of Christ – His redeemed people recorded in the lambs book of life

3. The Father demonstrates mercy – explained by the verse

Grace is receiving what we do not deserve. Being given the gift of salvation or eternal life is a result of the grace of God

Mercy is withholding what we do deserve. God withholding His wrath is mercy and putting it onto His Son for us is grace and justice

- We don't stand before God because we deserve to
- We don't stand before God because we earned it
- We don't stand before God because we worked it out
- We stand before God because He was merciful and gracious
 - Merciful to not judge us and find us unworthy
 - Gracious to give us the gift of eternal life through His son

4. The Father gives life – explained by the verse

We must be born again John 3:3, 7

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3 NAU)

"Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'" (John 3:7 NAU)

Here the text says that the Father has caused us to be born again

- The Father is the cause of our being born again
- "he caused us to be born again"
- The scriptures testify to each member in the Trinity at work in our regeneration
 - The son does John 5:21 - "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes." (John 5:21 NAU)
 - "If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him." (1 John 2:29 NAU)
 - The Spirit also works in our regeneration - "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6 NAU)
 - Titus 3:5 "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5 NAU)

How do you know you have been regenerated or born again?

- 1 John 5:1 – Believe in Christ

- 1 John 2:29 – Practice righteousness - John Newton – “I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world, but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.”
- 1 John 3:9, 5:18 - Do not habitually sin
- 1 John 3:14 – Love the Brethren
- 1 John 4:6 - Hold to the Apostle’s teaching
- 1 John 5:4 – Overcome the World
- 1 John 5:18 – Guard yourself

5. The Father resurrects from the dead – explained by the verse

Jesus was resurrected by God the Father

- Acts 2:22-24
- 1Cor 15:12-16 see vs 15
- Eph 1:18-23
- Here Peter says that we have a living hope through the resurrection of the dead
 - Because Jesus is alive our hope is alive
 - Because Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father we have hope
 - Hinted at Col 2:12-14 – in His triumph at the cross
- Because the Father resurrects and has resurrected we have a living hope which we anticipate the work of God

Conclusion

Application Questions:

- How does this message change the mind?
- How does this message inform the conscience?
- How does this message provoke the will?
- How does this message excite the passions?

1. Not going well, don’t know it
2. Not going well, but know it
3. Going well, but don’t know it
4. Going well, and know it