

“Rejoice, Though Distressed”

Text: I Peter 1:8-9

Scripture reading: I John 2:1-6

I. A time for trouble – vs. 6

II. A purpose for trouble – vs. 7 (last week)

III. A Savior for trouble – vv. 8-9

A) Loving _____ (Jn. 15:9-12; 13:34-35)

B) Believing _____ (Heb. 11:1; Jn. 20:29; Phil. 3:12-14)

C) Rejoicing _____ (I Cor. 2:9)

Conclusion:

1) Troubled Christians don't need to _____ to fully love and trust Jesus Christ.

2. Troubled Christians can _____ even in distress.

3. Troubled Christians must rest on "thus saith the Lord," not on "_____."

"Love is the commander of the soul, and therefore God knows that if He has our hearts, He has all, for all the rest are at His command. ...Love sets the mind on thinking, the tongue on speaking, the hands on working, the feet on going, and every faculty obeys its command."

-Richard Baxter; Puritan minister, theologian; 1615-1691

SERMON QUOTES:

III. A Savior for trouble – vv. 8-9

C) Rejoicing _____

John MacArthur ON “greatly rejoicing,”

“...a happiness that is not tentative nor based on circumstances or superficial feelings,”

-Inexpressible:

David Helm,

“...think about Heaven and you will have something to say. But while you endure various trials, know that the joy they produce in you will be a quiet sort, a nonverbal kind, and inexpressible ...joy.”

F. B. Meyer,

“There are moments in a believer’s life when words seem wholly inadequate – when joy rises like a tide too deep for utterance. The heart overflows its banks and pours itself out silently before God in wordless adoration.”

Peter Davids,

“Thus the joy is unspeakable or inexpressible, for it defies outward circumstances (and thus is hard to explain) and it rooted in a realm that is beyond our physical experience.”