

"Joy That Is Inexpressible"

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:39-45, Heb. 12:1-2, 1 Peter 1:3-9 Sunday | December 15th, 2019 | Pastor Patrick Bowler



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(See also Js. 1:2; Rom. 5:3; Matt. 11:7-11; Jn. 1:1-2, 14; Php. 4:4-13)

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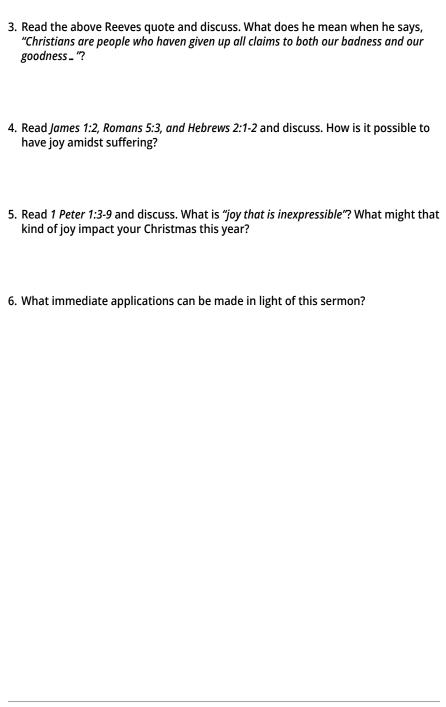
[Michael Reeves] "Reliance on ourselves is no option in light of the cross. However fantastically marvelous we may think we are, the cross is God's verdict on us as sinners. It annihilates even the possibility of finally placing our trust in ourselves. Meaning we

can know a far greater assurance, anchoring it in firm ground outside of ourselves, in Christ. Christians are people who have given up all claims to both our badness and our goodness—and instead gotten him."¹



- 1. What is the difference between joy and happiness?
- 2. Pastor Patrick talked about getting our anchor deeper. What did he mean by that? (c.f. Heb. 6:19)

¹Michael Reeves, Rejoicing In Christ (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2015), p. 62.



⁴General Revelation: that which God has made known to all (i.e. generally) through what can be observed (see Rom. 1:20, Ps. 19:1-2). Special Revelation: that which is made known specifically by God to a specific people, namely by speaking (see 2 Tim. 3:16, Heb. 1:1-2, etc.).