

Sermon Notes

Rejoice because of What the Father Has Done for You in Christ

1Peter 1:3-6

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

1:3 The Father has born us again to a living hope.

Blessed be the Father.

According to His great mercy, *He has* born us again.

We have new spiritual life, in relationship with God.

Our living hope is Christ. He is alive, through His resurrection.

1:4 He has born us again to obtain an inheritance in heaven.

As apposed to the things we might have here on earth, our inheritance in heaven is:

Indestructible

Undefined

Will not fade away

Our inheritance is reserved in heaven for us.

1:5 The inheritance in heaven is for you, who, by the power of God, are being kept, through faith, for salvation.

1:6 In this (all the Father has done for you) you should rejoice.

Suggested exercise: Every day this week, read 1 Peter 1:3-5, and meditate on it.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 8/27/2017 sermon

1 Peter 1:3-6

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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

What does it mean to you that you are born again (have new spiritual life that will last forever)?

Jesus was resurrected and is alive in heaven. How does that contribute to your confidence that you will be resurrected and go to heaven?

The things we can possess here on earth are tainted with sin and will be destroyed some day, and even while still here on earth their beauty is fading. According to verse 4, our inheritance in heaven is the opposite of those things. How does this make you view possessions here on earth? And have you changed your view about them at all because of biblical truths like this?

The examples were given in the sermon of Christians losing out on their family inheritance because of following Christ, and a Christian who might share Jesus even if it meant losing his/ her job. Is there any situation where you have faced losing out on or foregoing money or possessions if you made a choice to trust and follow Christ? What did you do, and why?

Regarding the scenario in the last question, is there a situation you are facing currently or can you imagine realistically facing in the future? What do you want yourself to do? Does the truth, from verse 4, about an inheritance in heaven, help you make that decision, and why?

If you trust Christ, you have been saved from separation from God and instead been given new life with God as your Father, you will be resurrected and go to heaven, and you have a wonderful inheritance awaiting you in heaven. How does all this make you feel?

How often would you say that you think of what you have in Christ? Would you like that to increase, and how do you think that might happen?

On a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being rejoicing greatly), at what level would you say that you rejoice over what you have in Christ? Provide a little explanation if you will.

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

Can you imagine rejoicing in the face of being severely distressed over some trial in your life? What do you think would contribute to you getting to that point?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't