



"Satisfaction in the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation" (Part 5)

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1 Peter 1:6



3 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, **4** to an inheritance [that is] incorruptible and undefiled and unfading which is kept in heaven for you **5** who are being guarded by the power of God, through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** in order that the testing of your faith, being more

precious than fine gold which is perishable, being purified through fire, might pass the test and be found [true] to the praise and glory and honor of Jesus Christ at his coming. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

– 1 Peter 1:3-9, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

√ Your Best Life *Now*?

"Christianity is a religion for losers."
[Media mogul Ted Turner]

I. The Elements of the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation (3-9)

"Joy is the flag that flies on the castle of the heart when the King is in residence there."

A. It was Prompted by God's Great Mercy (3a)

B. It is Accomplished Through Our New Birth (3b)

1. A New Birth that Gives us Hope for the Present (3c)

2. A New Birth that Gives us an Inheritance for the Future (4)

C. It is Preserved by God's Power (5a)

1. Through Present Faith (5b)

2. For Future and Final Salvation (5c)

D. It will be Evidenced by Persevering Faith (6-9)

1. A Persevering Faith That:

a. Results in Joy (6a)

"Those whom God has accepted in His beloved . . . can neither totally or finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end and be eternally saved." [1646 Westminster Confession of Faith, Article 17]

(1) In what were they rejoicing? ("In this you rejoice")

(2) "Salvation Joy" (Gk. *agalliaō* | ἀγαλλιαω)

b. Stands the Test of Trials (6b-7)

(1) Pain is common to us all . . .

"The kingdom of suffering is a democracy, and we all stand in it or alongside it with nothing but our naked humanity." --Philip Yancey

(2) The crux of the issue: There is Provision and Purpose in the midst of our trials

Conclusion