

Salvation Joy, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Peter 1:6-9.

B. Salvation and joy belong together. (Luke 15)

C. Joy is a result of God's salvation. (Psalm 4:7; Isaiah 35:10; 61:10; Luke 2:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 5:16)

D. There are things that can uncover the joy of salvation.

II. Confidence in a protected inheritance. The joy of future inheritance is guaranteed by the resurrection and the Holy Spirit. (Colossians 3; John 16; Romans 5:2, 12; Ephesians 1:13)

III. Confidence in a proven faith.

A. God brings trials into our lives to prove our faith.

B. The great thief of the joy of salvation is doubt.

C. Principles.

1. Trouble does not last.

2. Trouble serves a purpose.

3. Trouble brings pain.

4. Trouble comes in many forms.

5. Trouble should not diminish joy.

D. If a Christian comes out of suffering without having failed, his faith is proven. (Exodus 16:4, Deuteronomy 8:2)

E. Proven faith is more precious than gold—it lasts.

Application Questions:

1. When have you found joy in your salvation?

2. How can suffering be turned into a positive experience?

3. How would you defend the security of your salvation? Explain.
