

ISAIAH

The Favor of the Lord Isaiah 61:1-3

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1. The glorious blessing that the Lord has promised for the Church comes _____ the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let us believe that no sinful soul can be saved without the work of all three Persons in the blessed Trinity, and let us rejoice that Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who cooperated to make man, do also cooperate to _____ him.” - J.C. Ryle

2. The ministry of salvation that Christ was anointed to fulfill, is perfectly suited to the most fundamental _____ of man.

- a. Christ was anointed as _____ to proclaim the truth because man is ignorant.
- b. Christ was anointed as _____ to provide the sacrifice for sin because man is guilty.

- c. Christ was anointed as _____ to provide liberty because man is enslaved to his enemies.

“The day of good pleasure,’ and ‘the day of vengeance.’ Why did Isaiah join together things so opposite? Because God cannot deliver His Church without showing that He is a just judge, and without taking vengeance on the wicked.” - John Calvin

3. Christ ministers _____ to His Church knowing that life provides many reasons for sorrow and weakness.

- a. _____ and misery are in the world so there is sorrow in life—but the Lord gives comfort.

“Instead of running from (sadness), we can stop to see it for what it is—a tool God will use to speak to us if we are willing.” - Charles Hodges, M.D.

- b. Corruption within the _____ is a cause for believers to mourn—but the Lord can make us glad.

- c. In the midst of multiple occasions for sorrow and weakness, the Lord plants His people as strong _____ of righteousness.

“_____, like happiness, is a normal part of our God-given emotions and He uses them in our spiritual growth.” - Charles Hodges, M.D.