

The Joy of Sharing in God's Glory & Goodness

2 Peter 1:3–4

The Heart of God's Glory and Goodness: Grace

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

- A. Children's Sermon: How Did Jesus Show Us God's Glory?

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and *pitched his tent* among us, and **we have seen his glory**, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. Creator & Upholder of **All Life** (*Miracles*)
2. God's **Goodness** is Perfect

Key Idea

God is most glorified by his grace/favor given to sinners. (Cf. Creation, Judgment)

- B. We **Escape** Corruption through Knowledge of Gods Gracious Character

2 Peter 1:3–4

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, *through the knowledge of him* who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us *his precious and very great promises*, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

II. Death is in the World because of Sinful Desire

- A. How do You Know When Your Desire is Sinful?
1. When you crave sin
 2. When your longings lead to false worship (**Idolatry**)

- a. Are you willing to **sin** to achieve your desire?
- b. Do you get into **sin** when you are unable to achieve your desire?

False worship is revealed by its control over you

1 Corinthians 6:12

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but ***I will not be dominated/Mastered (NAS) by anything.***

3. When God is not our chief **passion**

Deuteronomy 10:12–13

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but ***to fear the Lord your God***, to walk in all his ways, ***to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*** ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?

- B. Corruption/Destruction

Revelation 21:8

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the ***second death.***"

III. God Pursued Us with His **Grace**

- A. Grace: The Heart of God’s Glory

2 Peter 1:4b

...you may become ***partakers of the divine nature***, having ***escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.***

- B. Knowing God’s Glory & Goodness...

2 Peter 1:3–4a

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Deuteronomy 30:6 (Key Promise)

And the LORD your ***God will circumcise your heart*** and the heart of your offspring, ***so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.***

Romans 5:8, 10–11 (Promise Fulfilled)

⁸ but ***God shows his love for us*** in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ... ¹⁰ For if ***while we were enemies*** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, ***we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ***, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

IV. Implications/Applications

A. God's Grace Brings Repentance

Acts 2:36–37

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were ***cut to the heart***, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

B. The Lord's Service (Approaching God with Water & Sacrifice)

1. Washed
2. Sin Offering/Confession of Sin

C. God's Deposit/Pledge to Us

2 Corinthians 5:5

⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has ***given us the Spirit*** as a ***guarantee/deposit*** (NIV).

Romans 5:1–5 (Much less abstract...gift of the Holy Spirit)

¹ Therefore, since we have been *justified by faith*, we have *peace with God* through our Lord Jesus Christ.

² Through him we have *also* obtained *access by faith into this grace* in which we stand, and *we rejoice in hope of the glory of God*. ³ Not only that, but *we rejoice in our sufferings*, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and *hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us*.

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. – John Piper

Key Idea

God is most glorified by transforming rebels like us into a people who are most satisfied in Him.

We have this joy now in part but the full joy of our inheritance awaits His return.