

The Joy of Sharing in God's Glory & Goodness

2 Peter 1:3–4

*The Result of Sharing in God's Glory and Goodness:
Inwardly Renewed while Outwardly Wasting Away*

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon

Luke 9:23

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and **take up his cross daily** and **follow me**.

Key Idea

When God shares his glory and goodness with us we become the kind of people who want to give their lives away for Jesus.

B. Knowing the Gospel Unites us with God...

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. Partaking of the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:5–11

⁵ **For this very reason**, make every effort to supplement your faith with **virtue**, and virtue with **knowledge**, ⁶ and knowledge with **self-control**, and self-control with **steadfastness**, and steadfastness with **godliness**, ⁷ and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love**. ⁸ For if these qualities ***are yours and are increasing***, ***they***

keep you from being **ineffective** or **unfruitful** in the **knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**.⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.¹¹ For in this way ***there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

“The blessedness that God grants from hearing and keeping His Word is greater than any “happiness” we may temporarily derive from the things of this world and the false promises of Satan.”¹

B. A Participation in the Cross

1 Corinthians 10:16–18

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a ***participation in the blood of Christ?*** The bread that we break, is it not a ***participation in the body of Christ?***¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices ***participants in the altar?***

C. The Lord’s Service (Covenant Renewal)

1. Obeying God’s Call to Worship (Ac. 17:30; Jesus is Our Passover Lamb)
2. Confessing Our Sin (1 John 1:7–10; Jesus is Our Sin Offering)
3. Being Made Fit for God’s Presence by the “Sword of the Spirit” (Heb. 4:11–13; Eph. 6:17 Jesus is Our Burnt/Ascension Offering)
4. Participating in the Body & Blood

Ephesians 5:2

And **walk in love, as Christ loved us** and gave himself up for us, ***a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.***

¹ John Piper. Quoted in The Gospel Project. (Vol. 1) The God Who Speaks. (p. 91)

“In His death Jesus shows us the way to live in imitation of His self-denial and self-giving love for others. “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me” (Lk. 9:23). In union with Christ His people also share in this sacrificial way of living.”²

Romans 5:1–5

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.***

Key Idea

As we behold the glory and goodness of God in the face of Jesus (the King who gave himself up for us), the Holy Spirit gives us this very same self-sacrificing glory and goodness, to His glory and our joy!

2 Corinthians 4:14, 16–18

¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ...

¹⁶ ***So we do not lose heart.*** Though our outer self is wasting away, ***our inner self is being renewed day by day.*** ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as ***we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient***, but ***the things that are unseen are eternal.***

² Meyers, Jeffrey J. (2011-06-30). The Lord's Service: The Grace of Covenant Renewal Worship (p. 65). Canon Press. Kindle Edition.

III. Implications/Applications

A. Fix Our Eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:1b–2

...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

B. True Worship (Joy) Frees Us from Idolatry

1. “The things of earth grow strangely dim”
2. Rebellion/Corruption is revealed as the stench of death
3. God’s word/obedience becomes our life, joy, wisdom and passion