

The Joy of Sharing in God's Glory & Goodness

2 Peter 1:3–4

Called to Share in God's Glory & Goodness

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon: God Looks for Us...

Genesis 3:9

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him,
“*Where are you?*”

B. Called to His Glory

2 Peter 1:3

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...

Key Idea

It is God's joy to pursue broken sinners like us and to share his glory and goodness with us.

II. God Has Called Us

A. The Nature of Our Rebellion (Gen. 3)

B. God Has Revealed this from the Beginning

Adam & Eve...

“Now the Lord said to *Abram...*” (Gen. 12:1a)

Exodus 3 – God calls *Moses*...

The word of the LORD came to **Samuel**... (1Sa 15:10); the LORD came to the prophet **Gad**... (2Sa 24:11); Now the word of the LORD came to **Solomon**... (1Ki 6:11); Then the word of the LORD came to **Isaiah**... (Isa 38:4); Now the word of the LORD came to me [**Jeremiah**]... (Jer 1:4); the word of the LORD came to **Ezekiel** the priest... (Eze 1:3).

John 15:16 (Jesus' Disciples)

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but **I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide...

Acts 13:48 (Paul sent to Gentiles)

⁴⁸ And when the **Gentiles** heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and *as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.*

III. To His Own Glory and Goodness

A. "Glory" & "Goodness"

B. The Richest Gift in Existence

2 Thessalonians 2:13–14

¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, **because God chose you** as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification *by the Spirit* and *belief in the truth.* ¹⁴

To this **he called you** through our gospel, *so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, *a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

C. Does God Really Share His Glory?

Isaiah 48:11

¹¹ *For my own sake, for my own sake,* I do it, for how should my name be profaned? ***My glory I will not give to another.***

"If He has all glory, this does not imply that we have none. If we possess glory, it does not come at the expense of His glory. ***Only when we refuse to acknowledge the source of our glory and assert our own over against His*** do we then fall under the condemnation of the prophets." ¹ [Bold Mine]

John 8:54 (Jesus as the Perfect Man)

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. ***It is my Father who glorifies me...***

¹ Meyers, Jeffrey J. (2011-06-30). *The Lord's Service: The Grace of Covenant Renewal Worship* (p. 100). Canon Press. Kindle Edition.

D. Does God Share His Glory with His People?

John 17:10, 22, 24, 26

(His first Disciples) ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am *glorified* in them. ...

(All His People) ²² The *glory* that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one... ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my *glory* that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ...

²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that *the love* with which you have loved me *may be in them*, and *I in them*.”

IV. Implications/Applications

A. Humility, Confidence & Joy

1. In our own salvation (1 Cor. 4:7; Phi. 1:6)

Romans 8:32

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him *graciously give us all things*?

2. In evangelism & mission

Luke 15 (Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son[s])

¹ Now the *tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him*. ² And **the Pharisees** and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ...

⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more *joy in heaven over one sinner who repents* than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ...

¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, *there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents*.” ...

³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² *It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.*’ ”

B. The Lord’s Service (Sunday Worship)

1. God's Gracious Call
2. God's Gracious Enabling to Respond

C. Sacrifice or Joyful Endurance

Hebrews 12:1–2

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, 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*.

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