

# 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)

<sup>16</sup> 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)

<sup>48</sup> 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

<sup>13</sup> 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.* <sup>14</sup>

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

<sup>11</sup> *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." <sup>1</sup> [Bold Mine]

## John 8:54 (Jesus as the Perfect Man)

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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) <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am *glorified* in them. ...

(All His People) <sup>22</sup> The *glory* that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one... <sup>24</sup> 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. ...

<sup>26</sup> 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**

<sup>32</sup> 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])**

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

<sup>7</sup> 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. ...

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

<sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> *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**

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> ***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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