

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Rickey Primrose, Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

MUSIC

PRELUDE MUSIC

Come Into His Courts With Praise

CORPORATE SINGING

Grateful

This Is Amazing Grace

ADORATION SONGS

It Is Well With My Soul

Made Me Glad

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

“Joyful Hearts With Tearful Eyes”

1 Peter 1:6-9

We continue through 1 Peter this Sunday by looking at 1:6-9. This text is all about the unshakable joy of our salvation. Prepare for Sunday by meditating on each part of this text. What are Christians to rejoice in according to this text (“In this you rejoice”—What does “this” refer to)? Why are trials unable to shake our joy? Why is the fact we cannot yet “see” Jesus unable to shake our joy? Why do you suppose Peter views trials as “necessary” (vs. 6)? What makes them necessary?

Last Sunday, we saw that the Christian life is to be marked by an unshakable hope. This Sunday, Peter points to an unshakable joy that should characterize our lives. What is stealing your joy right now? As chosen exiles, we have the power to live with unshakable hope and unshakable joy!

LYRICS

Grateful

VERSE 1

This is the day that You have made
Whatever comes I wont complain
For all my hope is in Your name
And now Your joy awaits my praise

VERSE 2

When I was down You brought me out
You set my feet on higher ground
So here I stand You are my God
Your faithfulness my solid rock

CHORUS

I give thanks for all You have done
And I will sing of Your mercy and Your love
Your love is unshakable Lord I am grateful
I give thanks for all You have done
I wont forget all the battle You have won
Your love is unshakable Lord I am grateful

BRIDGE

And as we lift our hands up
Heavens open, heavens open
So let our lives declare the love
Our God has spoken over us

This Is Amazing Grace

VERSE

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

CHORUS

This is amazing grace. This is unshakable love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life. That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You've done for me

VERSE 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

RESPOND TO THE SERMON

Sunday, June 24 "New Life Unfailing Hope"

1 Peter 1:3-5

Truth: In our conversion, God has caused us to be born again and given us a new home, family, and identity. We are not born Christians; we are born spiritually dead. Only those who are born again will see the kingdom of Heaven

Response: Consider the difference between approaching Christianity as a religion that you join rather than as a new life you receive. What would these differences look like? Examine your own life: Is Christianity simply a religion you have become a part of or is there evidence of new life in you?

Truth: One result of our new birth into a new family is that we now have an unfailing hope for an unfailing inheritance (i.e. the kingdom) and salvation (i.e. future salvation from final judgment at the return of Christ).

Response: Our hope is unfailing because our inheritance is being kept for us and we are being kept for it. Our faith in God empowers us to endure this world so that we will receive our inheritance at the end. It is God's power that sustains our faith. He's got the inheritance, and He's got us. It all depends upon God!

Truth: Is your life marked by hope? Which of the two common mistakes relating to hope do you struggle with the most?

Hopelessness: Walking in a spirit of defeat, discouragement,

and self-pity.

Misplaced Hope: Relying on something or someone in this world for peace, joy, and security other than God. This could be possessions, human authorities, or a human relationship

Response: Do not try to solve hopelessness by minimizing the problems of life or by suppressing the hurt you are feeling. The solution is to shape your heart and mind to receive the Gospel truth that God has given you new life into a new family resulting in unfailing hope. Our minds are so easily consumed with past mistakes and present circumstances; we must cultivate a mindset that is future-oriented—a mindset that believes this world is not final. The best is yet to come. How do you typically cope with hopelessness?

FAMILY RESPONSE

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1 Peter 1:3-5

Truth: God gives us new life by Christ Jesus that lasts forever. God protects my hope in Him, so that I can keep enjoying Him for all my life both now and in heaven. Wishful thinking is not confident hope.

Response: Here are some examples from my experiences. "What if you had a wallet that never ran out of money? What if you could have any super power? What if you could have a mansion for free?" These questions are birthed out of wishful thinking, but there is no realistic expectation in them. I can't live my life as if any of them will ever happen or be true.

Response: My favorite example of confident hope comes from when my son loved to be in the swimming pool but hadn't yet learned how to swim. He'd jump in without a lifejacket and before either of us were in the pool. We'd leap in after him and set him on the side. Our reproof of, "You can't jump in by yourself! You can't swim!" was always met with "But I knew you'd get me." His confident hope was demonstrated through his actions. My confident hope in God should also be demonstrated through my actions, attitudes, and words.