

The Rest of Faith (II)

“Whom having not seen, you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls.”

1 Peter 1:8,9

Apostle Peter experienced the unspeakable joy of salvation. Joy is the hallmark of salvation (Ps 67:2,4). It is the trademark of the kingdom (Rom 14:17). Let us examine the benefits of this treasury of joy:

- a) A faith booster (Rom 15:13)
- b) An endurance booster (Heb 12:2)
- c) A health tonic (Prov 17:22)
- d) A strength sustainer (Neh 8:10)
- e) The crown of salvation (1 Thes 2:19)
- f) The fruit of salvation (Ps 51:12; Isa 61:1,10)
- g) The oil of anointing (Ps 45:7; Isa 61:3; Jude 1:24)
- h) The soul of praiser (Ps 95:1,2; Ps 100:1)
- i) The marks of prayer (Isa 56:7; 2 Tim 1:4)
- j) The effects of scriptures (Ps 19:8)
- k) The offspring of meditation (Jer 15:16)
- l) The effects of mercy (Isa 49:13)
- m) The increase of Eden (Isa 51:2,3)
- n) The sign of fruitfulness (Isa 66:7-10)
- o) The harvest of prosperity (Ps 65:11-13)
- p) The fruit of meekness (Isa 29:19)
- q) The pleasantness of fellowship (Phi 1:25,26)
- r) The thankful heart (Phi 4:4,6)
- s) The powerful petition (Phi 1:4)
- t) The arena of blessedness (1 Kg 8: 66)
- u) The signpost of guidance (Isa 55:12)
- v) The precious counsel (Prov 15:23)
- w) The presence of God (1 Thes 1:6; Ps 16:11)
- x) The fruit of maturity (Gal 5:22)
- y) The surrendered life (2 Cor 8:2,5)
- z) The winning (stamina) life (Acts 20:24)

In the season of salvation (era of grace), God will turn our mourning into dancing as well as turning our sorrows into joy (Jer 31:13). Indeed, the ‘mother’ of joy is salvation

(Ps 21:1; Isa 35:10). The grace of forgiveness of sin releases joy (Ps 32:1,2,11). Salvation is a joy-giver (Ps 35:9; Lk 10:20).

True faith is always filled with vibrant joy (Phi 1:25,26). The season of prosperity is the season of joy (Ecc 7:14; Jer 48:33). Joy is the evidence of a spirit-filled life (Col 1:11). The offspring of joy is birthed through the practice of meditation (Jer 15:16). We meet God in the place of joy (Ps 43:4). For joy attracts God (Ecc 5:20; Isa 64:5). Joy sustains our trust in God (Ps 5:11). Joy improves our health (Ps 63:5). It keeps troubles at bay (Deut 28:47). It is a spiritual immunity resisting various kinds of temptations (James 1:2). It is the sustainer of our hope (Heb 3:6). It always rejoices in the truth (1 Cor 13:6). It will be the future hallmark of the season of the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:1,7). Every faithful saint will have a wonderful reason to rejoice over their future bliss (Phi 2:16,17).

If you keep your joy, satan cannot steal your goods (Heb 10:34). For joy is the guarantee that you will have no barren days on earth (Gal 4:27). Your days of lack are over! (Phi 4:1,4,19)