



“Joy Unspeakable”

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I. *1 Peter 1:1-9*

A. Prophetic Truths Spoken Long Ago for Such a Time as This

1. Trials from the enemy...

- An increase in weariness, depression, confusion, and fear...
- Suicides, identity problems, moral unjust will become more frequent...

2. But those who have hope...

- Those who have Jesus and understand the real truth about faith...
- They will have something on the inside, something that keeps them steadfast, secure, and sound.....It's Joy Unspeakable!
- This is what gives us hope; this is what keeps us steady; this is what brings us continuous victory!

3. Satan is after your joy...

- If he can't steal your joy, he can't take your goods!
- Can you see the truth; can you see why Satan is working overtime against you? Maybe...just maybe you haven't even considered why things have been so “interesting” and for some “so difficult & hard.”

B. *What Is Joy?*

1. *Chara – Cheerfulness, Calm Delight; Gladness*

2. Opposite of Joy – Calamity, Misery, Sadness, Unhappiness

II. Joy...the Emotion or the Action?

A. *Luke 2:10, Luke 24:52*

1. The emotion comes when things line up and bring you happiness...
2. This type of joy is conditional upon the circumstances around you.

B. *Habakkuk 3:17-19, Nehemiah 8:10*

1. *“I will joy” – Spin around, rejoice, be glad, be joyful.*

2. This type of joy comes from within; it is an action of faith that changes the circumstances instead of accepting them!