

Let's Celebrate Salvation

1 Peter 1:10-12

A. **We Have Just Celebrated the Birth of the Saviour**

1. We didn't celebrate the birth of a philosopher, a moral teacher, but a Saviour.
2. Any celebration of the Saviour must include celebrating salvation. Why?
3. Peter tells us that Salvation is so glorious that prophets searched for it.
4. Angels long to look into it, and believers are called to rejoice in it.
5. Salvation was promised long before it arrived "*the grace that was to be yours.*"
6. Salvation was not an afterthought—it was God's plan from the beginning.
7. The prophets searched intently and with the greatest care.
8. They held God's promises in their hands.
9. They rejoiced in them, spoke of them, & trusted them, not seeing the fulfillment.
10. Christmas and the gospel remind us that God always keeps His promises.
11. What was once promised has now been delivered in Christ.
12. We do not celebrate salvation as a new idea.
13. It is a faithful God keeping ancient promises.
14. We must get back to the basics of understanding. (Rom. 3:10-23, Luke 19:10)
15. So today, let's celebrate salvation.

B. **Let's Celebrate Because Christ Has Put Away the Past**

1. At the end of the year everyone summarizes the past year.
2. Are there things you would like to delete from the year's replay?
3. When we come to Christ, the past is forgiven. (Psalm 103; 1John 1:9).
4. Salvation brings not only forgiveness but also justification
5. In Christ, the past no longer defines us, that is worth celebrating.

C. **Let's Celebrate Because Christ Is with Us in the Present**

1. The prophets marvelled about salvation by grace.
2. Though they struggled to understand it.
3. The prophets were serving future generations, not just themselves.
4. We are the recipients of what they longed to understand.
5. The prophets were writing letters addressed to future generations.
6. What they predicted—we proclaim.
7. They announced what we now know: Christ has come, The work is finished.
8. The gospel is proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit.
9. We live in the privilege of fulfillment, not anticipation.
10. We are living in the era the prophets dreamed about.
11. The prophets foresaw the sufferings of the Messiah & the glories to follow.

12. Salvation was revealed in Christ's suffering and glory.
13. The cross before the crown, Good Friday before Easter Sunday
14. There is no empty tomb without the cross, no victory without sacrifice.
15. The prophets saw glimpses of both.
16. But they didn't fully understand how the two fit together—until Jesus.
17. Jesus fulfilled both the suffering Servant (Isa 53) & the reigning King (Isa 9)
18. Peter tells us something astonishing: Angels "long to look into these things."
19. Angels wanted to know more about salvation by grace.
20. God's amazing grace must have increased their joy in announcing Christ's birth
21. They wondered: "*How could these sinners be made part of the family of God?*"
22. Salvation amazes even the angels (v. 12b)
23. Angels have witnessed creation, plagues, parted seas, fire from heaven.
24. They saw the death & the resurrection of Christ.
25. Yet salvation through grace still amazes them. Why?
26. Because angels are not redeemed, observing grace, but not experiencing it.
27. Whereas we don't just watch salvation—we live in it.
28. If angels marvel at salvation, How much more should the redeemed rejoice?
29. Never treat salvation as ordinary, it is heaven's wonder and earth's greatest gift.
30. Christ is with us right now. "*Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.*"
31. We can face the future with confidence—not alone, or with fear.
32. Our salvation is secure because Christ suffered fully and now reigns gloriously.
33. He embraced the suffering we deserved to give us the glory we could never earn.

D. Let's Celebrate Because Christ Will Be with Us in the Future

1. The best is yet to come, The future is as bright as the promises of God
2. Present suffering cannot be compared with the coming glory. Rom. 8:18
3. Christ is with us now, and heaven is ahead
4. Even death cannot steal our hope for the future (Phil. 1:21)
5. John Wesley on his deathbed: "Best of all, God is with us."

E. Conclusion

1. Think of a sunrise you've seen hundreds of times, it's still breathtaking.
2. Salvation can become familiar, but it should never become boring.
3. Let us celebrate salvation; not casually, but gratefully; not silently, but joyfully, not occasionally, but continually.
4. Celebrated by the prophets; Accomplished by Christ; Proclaimed by the Spirit.
5. Marvelled at by angels; Enjoyed by believers.
6. Do you have this great salvation? Don't settle for less than a "know it salvation"
7. When you know you've been born again ... Celebrate!