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**1 Peter 1:9-11 The Christian’s Faith for Jesus!**

Receiving/God’s Reward to the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

**God makes us complete in the Son! But He wants us to walk in newness of life! Colossians 2:10, Romans 6:4.**

* If God didn’t put in us His complete Justification and Sanctification we could no way live in the victorious over sin and Satan!
* But because we are made new by the power of God we can walk and live with God’s Victory in us!

**How is my life full and complete? It is when I put faith in action!**

1. 1 Peter 1:8-9 – Peter is speaking of a faith in God that brought joy unspeakable and was full of glory!
2. What is the price of joy and a life full of God’s glory?
3. Do we want this as much as God wants a relationship with us?
4. Having complete joy in today’s world comes when we are in complete rest in the God of Heaven!

* Rest in God’s Judgements and Statutes.
* Rest in God’s Grace and Love.

1. 3 steps to rest in God. Our Personal Responsibility-

* Mortification of the flesh.
* Meditation on the Word.
* Manifestation of Christlikeness.

**How did the prophets find joy and completeness in God?**

1. Hebrews 11:13 “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

**Four things the prophets had that we need?**

* They died in faith! Are we ready to finish the race in faith?
* They didn’t see the Christ but knew of the Christ and believed in the Salvation of Jesus Christ! Are we trusting in the Person of Christ?
* They embraced the Promises of God! Are we focus on Jesus and His words?
* They confessed to be not of this world anymore! Are trusting God’s Word about who we are in Christ?

1. They found joy and fullness when they searched the scriptures.

* Proverbs 25:2 “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.
* God conceals his best for those that want His best!
* Are you wanting God’s Joy for your life? Or are we seeking to find joy in what we want?

1. The Lord Jesus is who we will find in the bible!

* John 5:39 “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
* God’s Will is our life’s desire.
* God’s Face in the storm is our comfort.
* God’s peace in life helps us overcome fear.

1. They were ready to obey and suffer for God’s will!

* Luke 6:46 “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
* Mat 16:24 “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

**God rewards our faith with His Salvation.**

* Psalms 64:10 ”The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.
* God wants to see faith in His creation.

**God’s Grace is Awesome**

1. All things we have is from God’s grace!
2. What gives me the most hope every day is God's grace; knowing that his grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God.
3. God’s Grace is sufficient. 2 Corinthians 12:9
4. Song by Ron Hamilton – How can I fear -
5. Grace makes all things possible – What do you need today? God’s grace can make it possible!
6. Psalms 40:3 “And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.