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Message Info

Title:

Delight in the Glories of Salvation

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Scriptures:

Isaiah 61-62

Theme: Delight in the glories of salvation as our Lord is glorified more and more

Introduction: Isaiah 61 and 62 provide us with some captivating looks at the blessings of our salvation. God shows us these truths and views to our salvation that we might rest fully upon it and glory often in it. We are called to delight in it, much as we might delight and relish in a favorite dessert pastry. And as we do so in the Christian life, we are transformed into Christ's glory, by one degree to another (2Cor. 3:18), and our Lord is glorified more and more. We are meant by God to glory in him and his salvation, for our good:

1. Delighting in the glories

These chapters of Isaiah present us with several fruits of our salvation that are to be relished: 1. Inheritance: we have received an inheritance in Christ. Much as the Levites did not receive their inheritance in earthly form and in the Promised Land, we are receiving the Lord Himself in salvation and our inheritance. 2. Preservation: God has secured all the means necessary to preserve us and our keeping of the inheritance he's given in salvation. 3. Inclusion: we are included in God's people and our names our recorded in his great Covenant of Grace (62:12 "you shall be called...") our names are known and spoken by God.

2. The glory of the Lord

The bride is to delight in the bridegroom. We are to rest and take pure joy in our Lord Jesus as a bride, 61:10: "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with jewels." The result of our salvation is restored relationship with the Living God and his only Son through the Spirit. Communion with God and knowing his love and salvation must operate in our souls at such a depth as to stir exulting, praise and constant thanksgiving in the Christian life. The glory of the Lord is becoming our all and our full focus.

Questions:

- 1. Why do you think we fail so often to delight in the glory of our salvation and of Jesus? What hinders us?
- 2. What will make us to see more clearly just how great our salvation is, how great our Savior is?
- 3. What are the current things that take up your attention and your glorying (things that are engaging your passions, time, energy, money and thought life)?
- 4. Read Isaiah 62 out loud together. What effect ought these promises have on the Church? What effect ought they have on you today?

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