

Monthly Focus Verse

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

A seascape with waves, a rainbow, and a bird. The sky is blue with scattered clouds. A rainbow is visible in the background, and a bird is flying in the center. The water is dark blue with white foam from the waves.

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1 Peter



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How **Good**
We've Got it

1 Peter 1:10-12

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last week's discussions

Discussion Question:

- How can we demonstrate or give evidence of “joy inexpressible” or “unspeakable joy” during this current crisis?

Share:

- Stories, encounters, examples, ideas, praises, suggestions, insights, thoughts, Bible verses



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1. For followers of Christ, is joy a choice (or, is joy inevitable)?

☐ Joy is a choice. We are commanded to choose joy. **21 (43.8%)**

☐ Joy is not a choice. It is an inevitable and enduring consequence of being a follower of Christ. **27 (56.5%)**

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What can we do to (help each other) avoid becoming "weary of doing good" in this season of pandemic and social isolation?

- Express our "weariness" to others and ask for prayer**
- Make and receive phone calls**
- Letting people know you are there to serve them (store, move,)**
- Bags deliveries, see from windows (Easter egg hunt!)**
- Meditate on John 17 (Puritan commentaries)**
- Speak to one another: Eph 5 (songs, hymns)**
- Worship service (songs, middle of court)**
- Making masks**

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*³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely **he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows**; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that **brought us peace**, and with his wounds **we are healed**.*

- Isaiah 53:3-5

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*²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, **so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.** ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood,*

- Hebrews 12:2-4

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¹⁷For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

- Matthew 13:17

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*⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was **not** made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has **now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.** ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.*

- Ephesians 3:4-7

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¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

- Galatians 1:11–12

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¹¹For I would so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

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 - 1. Grace that was prophesied
 - 2. Sufferings of Christ predicted
 - 3. Victory over Satan prophesied
 - 4. Mystery removed, Gospel accessible
 - 5. Gospel proclaimed worldwide
 - 6. You have heard
 - 7. Holy Spirit sent
 - 8. Teaching the angels

*Therefore, **preparing your minds** for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

- 1 Peter 1:13

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*¹This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am **stirring up your sincere mind** by way of **reminder**, ²that you should **remember** the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,.*

- 2 Peter 1:1-2

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this week's discussions

Action:

- Give one or more examples of **how we can reach** out to -- **and bring hope** to -- someone who is alone at home and who is feeling anxious, depressed or lonely during the current lockdown.

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- Stories, encounters, examples, ideas, praises, suggestions, insights, thoughts, Bible verses



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◆ For Next Time

- *Re-read 1 Peter 1 (next week vv. 13-21)*
- *Meanwhile, participate in*
 - *The email threads on Cornerstone Connection*
 - *The Facebook group discussions*

We need to hear from each other!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/koinoniaabfatcbc>



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