

**Series:** Living Hope  
**Sermon:** Salvation's Joy  
**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:3-12  
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*Last week's question:* Salvation's Hope

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“You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen, night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. That which I greatly feared had at last come upon me. In the Trinity Term of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England. I did not then see what is now the most shining and obvious thing; the Divine humility which will accept a convert even on such terms. The Prodigal Son at least walked home on his own feet. But who can duly adore that Love which will open the high gates to a prodigal who is brought in kicking, struggling, resentful, and darting his eyes in every direction for a chance of escape? The words “compelle intrare,” compel them to come in, have been so abused by wicked men that we shudder at them; but, properly understood, they plumb the depth of the Divine mercy. The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men, and His compulsion is our liberation.”

– **C.S. Lewis, Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life**

From <<https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/877675-surprised-by-joy-the-shape-of-my-early-life>>

In Latin, “compel people to come in” is written, “compelle intrare.” From early centuries of church history through medieval times and beyond, the Roman Catholic Church leaned on a grotesquely twisted interpretation of “compelle intrare” in Luke 14:23, concluding that governmental authorities had the right to coerce people into the church.

From <<https://biblicalnotes.com/2014/07/01/compelle-intrare/>>

### **Last Week**

#### **Who are God's People? (v. 1-2)**

We are exiles/strangers in the world. (v. 1)

We are dispersed/scattered throughout the world. (v. 1)

We are secure in the salvation work of the Godhead. (v. 2)

#### **1 Peter 1:3-12 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> *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,*

<sup>4</sup> *to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,*

<sup>5</sup> *who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

<sup>6</sup> *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,*

<sup>7</sup> *so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>8</sup> *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*

<sup>9</sup> *obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

<sup>10</sup> *Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,*

*<sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.*

*<sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.*

### **What is true of God and our salvation? (v. 3-9)**

1. God is merciful and worthy of all of our praise! (v. 3)
2. God has given us a new birth. (v. 3)
3. Our new birth has a present reality: living hope. (v. 3)
4. Our new birth has a future reality: an imperishable, undefiled, and unfading inheritance. (v. 4)
5. Our salvation, in all of its fullness, will be revealed. (v. 5)
6. Our salvation makes us rejoice! (v. 6)
7. Our God ordained trials to test our faith and result in praise. (v. 6-7)
8. Our joy is inexpressible as we consider our love for Jesus and the outcome of our faith. (v. 8-9)

### **1 Peter 1:10-12 (ESV)**

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### **What would the prophets and angels say? (v. 10-12)**

Stand in awe. (I can't comprehend this)

Marvel. (I can't stop staring at this)

Rejoice. (I have to express this)