



# How to Enjoy Your Own Salvation

Isaiah 43:1-7

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- So many professed Christians seem to believe that to be truly spiritual, one must wear a sad expression; otherwise, he is being frivolous and irreverent.
- You can enjoy your salvation because you have:

# A Past

- Isa. 43:1, 3-4 - “But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine... 3 For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4 Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life.”

# A Past

- Redemption
  - Rev. 1:5 - “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood”
  - 1Peter 1:18-19 - “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”
- We are saved because 2,000 years before we were even born, the Lord Jesus willingly died for our salvation

# A Past

- Renewal

- Eph. 4:22-24 - “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”
- 2Cor. 5:17 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

# A Past

- The Lord changes everything He touches: lepers, the blind, the deaf, the dead, etc. He takes what we give Him and when He gives it back, it is far better than it was when He got it.
  - Give Him an acorn and He will give back a mighty oak.
  - Give Him Abram, son of a pagan, and He will give back Abraham, a mighty man of faith.
  - Give Him Jacob, a schemer and a trickster, and He will give back Israel, Prince with God.
  - Give Him Saul of Tarsus, a cruel fanatic, and He will give back Paul, mighty apostle of Christ

# A Past

- Give Him your broken, sin-scarred life and He will give you back a new beginning, a new life and a home in Heaven
- What we were called: “lost, children of the devil, sinners, the wicked, children of wrath”
- What we are called now: “saints, children of God, the redeemed, saved, citizens of heaven”
- When we think of what we were in the past and what Jesus has made us in the present, it ought to cause us to enjoy our salvation

# A Past

- Reception
  - 1Cor. 6:20 - “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.”
  - 2Tim. 2:13 - “If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.”

# A Past

- When we consider where we have come from to where we are today, we should be greatly encouraged
  - Isa. 51:1 - “Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.”
  - Eph. 2:11-13 - “Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

# A Provider

- Isa. 43:2 - “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”
- God reminded Israel that He met their needs from the beginning
  - Pass through the waters - The Red Sea - Ex. 14:10-16
  - Pass through the river - The crossing of the Jordan - Joshua 4
  - Walk through the fire - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego - Daniel 3.

# A Provider

- God has not changed. What He did for Israel, He can be counted on to do for us
  - Phil. 4:19 - “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

# A Provider

- He is able
  - Eph. 3:20 - “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”
  - In clothing Israel in the wilderness - Deut. 29:5
  - In feeding Israel manna in the wilderness - Ex. 16
  - In feeding the widow of Zarepath and Elijah for 3 1/2 years - 1Kings 10:10-17
  - In feeding the 5,000 - John 6

# A Provider

- He is willing
  - Luke 12:32 - “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
  - Matt. 6:30-33 - “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

# A Provider

- He keeps His word
  - Heb. 6:17-18 - “Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.”

# A Provider

- He Is always near
  - Matt. 28:20 - “...I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
  - Heb. 13:5 - “For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

# A Provider

- Whatever the need, God will take care of it. We should enjoy our salvation and leave the worrying to Him
  - Phil. 4:6-7 - “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

# A Promise

- Isa. 43:5-7 - “Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth- 7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

# A Promise

- There will be a gathering
  - 1Cor. 15:51-52 - “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”
  - 1Thes. 4:13-18
  - Matt. 24:36 - “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

# A Promise

- Be ready
  - Matt. 24:44 - “Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
- Be looking
  - Luke 12:37 - “Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching.”
- Be pure
  - 1John 3:3 - “And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”
- Be telling
  - Mark. 16:15 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

# A Promise

- God will bring glory to Himself by bringing us into His glory
- We are heaven bound
  - John 14:3 - “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”
  - Rev. 21:4 - “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”
  - 1Cor. 2:9 - “But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

# A Promise

- We will be glorified
  - 1John 3:1-2 - “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

# A Promise

- We will see him and be with him forever
  - Col. 3:4 - “When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”
  - Isa. 56:5 - “Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name That shall not be cut off.”

# How to Enjoy Your Own Salvation

- We have every reason to enjoy our salvation:
  - God saved us in the past,
  - God provides for us in the present,
  - God has a wonderful plan for our future.