



We know Christmas was last week, but we are still working through our series on “The Carols.” Today we will look at O Come, All Ye Faithful. In a world of uncertainty, Peter’s epistle reveals a profound message of joy rooted in Christ’s victory. Christians are “elect exiles” - chosen by God and living in a challenging world, yet called to rejoice with an “inexpressible joy” that transcends circumstances. God knows His people, sanctifies them through the Holy Spirit, redeems them through Jesus Christ, and provides an eternal inheritance. Unlike fleeting worldly happiness, this joy is anchored in Christ’s complete victory over sin and death. Believers are invited to place Jesus at the center of their worship, experiencing a joy that comes from God’s eternal grace.

**ACCOMPANYING SCRIPTURE:**

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| 1 Peter 1:1-9     | Romans 6:23     |
| Ephesians 1:13-14 | 1 John 5:4-5    |
| Romans 3:23       | Matthew 2:10-11 |

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Share a moment when you experienced unexpected joy despite challenging circumstances.

**WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?**

- Read 1 Peter 1:1-9. What stands out to you about Peter’s description of believers?
- What are the characteristics of the salvation described in these verses?

**UNDERSTANDING DEEPER**

- How do the three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) work in salvation?
- Why is joy different from happiness, according to the sermon?

**APPLICATION**

- In what areas of your life are you seeking joy from temporary sources?
- How does understanding your eternal inheritance change your perspective on current trials?

**NEXT STEPS**

- What would it look like to make Jesus the “chief object” of your worship?

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