

# 1 Peter 1:9

by John Gill

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*The sermon emphasizes the joy and rejoicing that comes from receiving the salvation of souls, which is the end of faith and the reward of faith.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 23:18, Romans 8:24-25, 2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:1-4, Hebrews 11:1, 1 Peter 1:9, 1 Peter 1:18

**Topics:** "Salvation", "Joy in Faith"

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## Description

John Gill expounds on 1 Peter 1:9, emphasizing that the ultimate goal of faith is the salvation of souls, which is a profound source of joy. This salvation, appointed by God from eternity, is obtained through Christ and applied by the Spirit, leading to eternal happiness in heaven. Gill clarifies that while salvation primarily concerns the soul, it also encompasses the body, as both will be redeemed and united with Christ. He highlights that faith is not the cause of salvation but a means to perceive and enjoy it, culminating in the full realization of salvation. The present experience of salvation brings joy and assurance to believers, as they possess the beginnings and promises of their eternal inheritance.

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## Transcript

Ver. 9. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Which is a just and sufficient ground of joy and rejoicing. "Salvation" intends spiritual and eternal salvation; that which God appointed his people to from all eternity, which is obtained by Christ, applied by the Spirit, and will be fully enjoyed in heaven: this is the salvation "of souls": which are of more worth than a world; and the redemption of which is precious, and requires a great price, and for which a great price is paid, as in 1Pe 1:18.

It is rightly supplied in our version by "your", as in the Syriac, Arabic, and Ethiopic versions; though the Vulgate Latin version only reads, "the salvation of souls"; and which is to be understood, not to the exclusion of bodies, for God has designed the salvation of them; and Christ has procured the redemption of them; and these will be preserved unto the coming of Christ, being united to him; and will be raised by him, and with their souls enjoy everlasting happiness with him; though, in the present state of things, salvation rather takes place in the soul than in the body, which is exposed to various labours, afflictions, and diseases; but the chief design of the phrase is, to distinguish this salvation from a corporeal and temporal one: and so the Jews use the phrase *vphn tewvt*, "the salvation of the soul" {z}, in opposition to, and distinction from, a mere bodily one; and it intends a salvation from sin, Satan, the law, and its curses; from hell, the second death, and wrath to come, and every spiritual enemy: which is the end of faith; or, as

the Syriac version renders it, *anerwp*, "the reward of faith"; not that faith is the cause of salvation, or meritorious of it; for that itself is the gift of God, and is rather a part of salvation, and, at most, but the means of perceiving an interest in it, and of enjoying the comfort of it; and is what will issue in it, and in the full enjoyment of it; when faith will both have its end and scope, and be at an end, being exchanged for fruition; just as a reward is given at the end of a man's labours: hence it is called *tyrxa*, "the end", Pr 23:18 and even now salvation is the end of faith, in like sense as Christ is the end of the law: as the law has its full accomplishment, and all its ends answered in Christ, so faith has its end, and all it looks for, desires, and wants, in salvation by Christ: and which is now "receiving"; for the saints not only shall receive, and enjoy the full possession of it hereafter, but they have it now; it is not only appointed to them, and wrought out for them, but is brought near, set before them, and applied to them, and put into the hands of faith by the Spirit of God; they have it in faith and hope, by which they are already saved; and in Christ their head and representative, in whom they are set down in heavenly places; and besides, they have the beginning, firstfruits, earnest, and pledge of it in their own hearts, as well as a right unto, and a meetness for the perfect possession of it hereafter; all which is matter of joy unspeakable, and full of glory.

{z} Tzeror Hammor, fol. 168. 4.

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