

# Rejoicing in Salvation

## Scripture

“Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, ‘Look at us.’ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, ‘Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.’ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: ‘Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.’” (Ac 3:1-16 NKJV)

## Commentary

We have been spared more than mind can imagine. Above we have a physical example of a spiritual reality. As it is written, “The faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness.” He who once lay begging at the gate Beautiful now leaps to his feet—walking, leaping, and praising God.

How long has it been since you last leaped for joy because of your salvation? I tell you, you should leap today, right now. Let your heart be filled with thoughts of forgiveness. Remember the fire that once nipped at your heels, how you walked foolishly near the edge of the great abyss.

Have you been set free from the bondage of sin and death? Then bow down and worship the One who made you whole—Jesus Christ the Righteous! Tell the world of His saving power. Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Oh, but you say, “I don’t feel the joy that once filled my heart.” Well dear friend it is not far from you. Only let your focus turn from worldly matters to meditate on the things above. “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for ‘love will cover a multitude of sins.’” (1Pe 4:8 NKJV)

Also, “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters. Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.” (1Pe 4:12-16 NKJV)

“ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.” (Php 4:8-9 NKJV)