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**Isaiah 61:1-2**

**1** The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the  
brokenhearted, to proclaim  
freedom for the captives and  
release from darkness for the  
prisoners, **2** to proclaim the year  
of the LORD's favor and the day of  
vengeance of our God, to comfort  
all who mourn,

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**“[The year of the Lord’s favor] “is almost certainly an allusion to the Year of Jubilee as described in the law of Moses. Every fiftieth year was to be proclaimed a year of release in which debts were cancelled, slaves were freed, and people who had been forced to sell their family property because of poverty received it back again.”**

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**Matthew 5:4**

**Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted**

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## **Isaiah 61:3-6**

**3** and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

**They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.**

**5** Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. **6** And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.



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**“Under the Old Covenant, God ordained the priests of Israel to stand between Him and his people. They brought God’s word to the people and the people’s needs and sins to God. Under the New Covenant, all believers are priests of the Lord, reading God’s word and seeking to understand it, confessing their sins directly to God, and ministering to others.”**

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## **1 Peter 2:9-10**

**9** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**10** Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**“you will receive a double portion”**

**Isaiah 61:7-9**

**7** Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance. And so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs. **8**

**“For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity.**

**In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed.”**

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**Psalm 11:5-7**

**5** The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, his soul hates. **6** On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. **7** For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.

**“my soul rejoices in my God.”**

**Isaiah 61:10-11**

**10** I delight greatly in the LORD;  
my soul rejoices in my God. For he  
has clothed me with garments of  
salvation and arrayed me in a  
robe of his righteousness, as a  
bridegroom adorns his head like a  
priest, and as a bride adorns  
herself with her jewels.

**11** For as the soil makes the  
sprout come up and a garden  
causes seeds to grow, so the  
**Sovereign LORD** will make  
righteousness and praise spring  
up before all nations.

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**Revelation 19:7-8**

**7** Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. **8** Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)



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**Ephesians 5:27**

**and to present her to  
himself as a radiant church,  
without stain or wrinkle or  
any other blemish, but holy  
and blameless.**

**“my soul rejoices in my God.”**

**“With these images and statements the New Testament is saying what Isaiah says: that God wants us to share in an intimate relation with Himself in which He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, that is, to make us like Himself, to make us behave as He does.”**

**John N. Oswalt**

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**“[in v.10] Here is the OT picture of imputed righteousness, the essential heart of the New Covenant. When a penitent sinner recognizes he can’t achieve his own righteousness by works, and repents and calls on the mercy of God, the Lord covers him with His own divine righteousness by grace through faith.”**

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# Applications

- **Be joyful**
- **Spread the Word**
- **Be the Word**

# Final Thoughts

**“In the end, the only question is one of belief. Do we believe that Christ wants to deliver us from habitual sinning? Do we believe He can do that? Will we, personally and intentionally, believe Him to do that in our lives? We will keep on believing Him to remake us into His image, despite setbacks and difficulties, right to the end of the road?”**

# Final Thoughts

## Philippians 4:4-7

**4** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! **5** Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

**6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

# Final Thoughts

## 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

**9** Or do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders



**10** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.