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Sermon Title: **“CELEBRATION”**

I Peter 1:1-9

- All of us, NO matter our _____, have something to celebrate this Christmas Season = _____ !
- Peter has been given a _____ from God to believers, who have been scattered throughout _____
- These believers are aliens, _____, temporarily living next to and among native people (this is NOT their _____ – they are outsiders)
- “Obey” = (literally means “_____”) compliance is expected; believers are to listen from an _____ position
- God is the One, who “caused us” to be _____ (apart from God, sinful humans are _____ and _____)
- Through _____, we’ve gained unfettered access to _____
- “In this” = it is our being _____ to a living hope that protects our eternal inheritances and should bring _____
- “Greatly rejoice” = (literally means “to _____”) to skip with happy excitement; to be _____; exuberantly happy
 - NO matter what happens, this _____ is unhindered and unphased
- The distress we face is ONLY “_____.” That means ALL suffering has an expiration date
- “If necessary” ... ONLY _____, which are absolutely _____ are allowed in our lives by God
 - We MUST look to the _____ and Jesus’ resurrection and be reminded that God is ALWAYS _____
- As we encounter trials, understand they can _____ to learn new and wonderful aspects about our _____