

James 1:1

# *Greetings*

Sermon Notes for April 20, 2014, Resurrection Sunday, by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

"Greetings" word is better translated as "Rejoice!" - see James 1:2

different from normal word translated greeting, used by Paul some 20 times in Romans 16

Paul's grace and peace - rejoice for grace, rejoice for peace

Paul in Philippians - rejoice in everything, including trials (Paul in prison)

James - tribes in the Diaspora, the dispersion, persecuted. running, in fear of their lives and the lives of their friends and family, in foreign lands, displaced, on the lowest rung of the ladder in whatever place they had settled, opposed by the power establishment of the Judaism they profess to be the legitimate heirs of.

Joy at the Vindication of Jesus - Rom. 1:4

Supreme Court reversal of an unjust verdict.

Vindication of our Savior - and Us! Rom. 4:25

Joy for Our Deliverance from Death and Sheol

Bad News avoided brings great joy!

Ps. 16:9-11 (referenced in Acts 13)

Sheol is not just a synonym for death

Contrast with "gathered to their fathers, or people" - Gen. 25:8

Untimely, violent or premature death AND present "deaths" that overwhelm us

Ps. 31:17; Isa. 14:11; Num. 16:30; Ps. 55:15,16; Jonah 2:2

Ps. 88:1-9; 15-18

Jacob - Gen. 37:35; 49:33

Jesus, Sheol and Us

Joy in the Presence of the Jesus the Sanctifier - Phil. 4:4; James 1:2

Forbearance and the Development of Character

The Lord is At Hand

Joy and the Presence of the God Who Is Joy

Birth, Resurrection and Ascension - Matthew 2:10; 28:9; Luke 24:51-53

Joy at His Coming to Continue to Deliver and Sanctify Us - Heb. 12:2

Do you simply believe God and His Word? If so, today I say to you - Greetings! Rejoice!