

Equipped For Ministry

Tools On God's Anvil

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Introduction:

- A. In the shop of a blacksmith, there are three types of tools.
 - 1. There are tools on the _____.
 - 2. There are tools on the _____.
 - 3. There are tools of _____.
- B. In the same way...
 - 1. Some people lie useless.
 - 2. Other people are lying on the anvil.
 - 3. Other people lie in their Master's hands.
- C. We are all somewhere in God's blacksmith shop.

I. Tools On God's Anvil

- A. Peter writes of a special kind of joy available to the child of God in 1 Peter 1.
 - B. The basis for the Christian's "*inexpressible*" joy.
 - 1. **Past** grounds for rejoicing —

 - 2. **Present** grounds for rejoicing —

 - 3. **Future** grounds for rejoicing —
 - C. How do we experience this joy? We must spend time on God's anvil.
 - D. Our willingness to place ourselves on His anvil is based on the belief that He is in control.

II. What Keeps Us On God's Anvil?

- A. We must _____.

- B. We must _____.

- C. The anvil is not to be avoided, but experienced! It shapes us to be useful tools in His service.