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1 PETER 1: 1-25

I. What Salvation Is All About

Salvation is the very core of Christian. It was for our salvation that Jesus Christ came to us as a man and lived among us as servant. Indeed, Jesus Christ came to seek and saved that which was lost! He is the lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.

The very name, Jesus means "savior." The message proclaimed by the angel to Shepard's on the night of Christ's birth, was, "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). And long before this majestic event, the prophets had declared the coming of the Savior.

In fact, the entire Bible is an account of salvation history.

And so Peter begins his letter to a suffering, scattered church by reaffirming the basics of salvation. He uses words like: elect, living hope, abundant mercy, an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance, and salvation. Salvation is assured for all those who trust in Jesus Christ, and this wonderful knowledge results in genuine hope.

So as we see "What Salvation is all About," notice the following:

A. Why Has God Chosen You? - vss. 1 – 2

Peter writes as an apostle of Jesus Christ It was Peter who was among the inner circle of Jesus Christ. Be Jesus didn't chose Peter because he flawless.....

Peter uses words: elect, scattered, sojourners

Peter points out election requirements:

1. *to obey Him*
2. *according to the foreknowledge of God*
3. *according to the sanctification of the Spirit*

The term "*sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ*" is most interesting (vs.2). Within the Old Testament Law, there three occasions in which there was ":

1. *Cleansing*
2. *Setting apart for service to God*
3. *Obedience*

B. The Fringe Benefits Of The New Birth - vss. 3 – 5

Peter begins his letter with a note praise and doxology. The Bible teaches us that the “new birth” is the beginning of the new life in Jesus Christ. Peter teaches us that there are also some very profitable and enjoyable “fringe benefits” including the following:

1. *A living hope (v.3)*
2. *A heavenly inheritance (v.4)* This inheritance has several characteristics:
 - (1) incorruptible
 - (2) undefiled
 - (3) unfading
3. *a powerful shield (v.5)*

C. How Trials Can Bring Joy - vss. 6 – 9

Peter now proceeds with loving counsel for those who are facing trials and suffering, and he shares with the church three specific results of trials which God allows to come in our lives:

1. *The grief of trials (v.6)*
2. *The purpose of trials (v. 7)*
3. *The joy of trials (v. 8)*

D. The Priority Of Salvation - vss. 10 -12

Paul does not want us to lose sight of the priority of salvation through Jesus Christ, and thus, shares two important truths:

1. *This salvation was spoken by the prophets (vss. 10-11)*
2. *This salvation is a heavenly message (v.12)*

E. Called To Be Holy vss. 13 – 16

Holiness is a subject often avoided by many of us as Christians. We don't have a problem ascribing holiness to God; yet when it comes to you and I we feel it's not attainable. Why?

Peter reveals three steps which we should follow if we are to live the life of holiness:

1. *Be prepared v.13*
2. *Be obedient v. 14*
3. *Be holy vss. 15-16*

F. Living Like Strangers Here On Earth vss. 17 – 21

There is a great deal of difference between attempting to live for God, and allowing Him to live in and through us. Peter and even Paul (Phil. 2:12 -13) acknowledge the impossibility of the former and the absolute necessity of the later. For Peter not only calls us to the living out of our salvation, he offers us practical help in how we can do it.

1. *Live as strangers on the earth (v. 17)*
2. *Live as redeemed (vss. 18 -20)*
3. *Live with faith and hope (v. 21)*

G. Loving From The Heart vss. 22 – 25

My friends, love is the very center of our Christian lifestyle. In fact, love is the very character, the very essence of God (1 John 4:8). Within this passage, Peter teaches us that we should in three specific ways:

1. *Love sincerely (v. 22)*
2. *Love fervently (v. 22)*
3. *Love with a pure heart (v.22)*

Peter proceeds to inform us that the quality of loving God sincerely, fervently, and with a pure heart flows from the marvelous and necessary experience of “having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever” (v. 23). Thus, my brothers and sisters, the Word of God will endure forever, and so will love.....