



"Remember our Great Salvation!"

1. We have a Future Inheritance!

- **1 Peter 1:1** – *"to the foreigners..."* = Pilgrims! (Not back in Israel)
- **Point?** Peter is reminding the believers that this place and world is not everything!
- Believers are temporary residents here!
- **How do we know?** Like all believers, they are residents of **an Eternal City!**
- **Philippians 3:20** & **Hebrews 13:13-14**
- Until then, **WE** are preserved by the power of God through faith! **1 Peter 1:3-5**
- **Verse 4** – *"priceless inheritance...kept in Heaven for you, pure and undefiled...beyond the reach of change and decay!"*
- **How?** By the Blood of Jesus Christ and the great/abundant mercy of God! **1 Peter 1:2**

2. We grow as believers through Trials and Persecution!

- **1 Peter 1:6** – *"So be truly glad. There is a wonderful joy ahead even though you must endure many trials for a little while."*
- **Peter is telling them to be exceedingly glad and exuberantly jubilant!** This kind of joy is not based on changing or temporary situations, but it is from the unchanging and eternal relationship with God!
- **Various trials or many trials** = Show that your faith is genuine! **Verse 7**
- **Faith is genuine** = God allows trouble and persecution to happen to test the reality of your faith. We don't like this part of life, but this is how we stand strong in our faith! Remember that James tells us that Faith without action is dead!
- **Where does a genuine faith lead to?** **1 Peter 1:7** – *"So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Christ Jesus is revealed to the whole world!"*
- **When Jesus returns a 2nd time, He will call and reward the believers!** **1 Peter 1:13, 1 Peter 4:13** and **1 Corinthians 1:7**
- **Notice** in **1 Peter 1:8** – *"You love Him even though you have never seen Him. Though you do not see Him now, you trust Him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy!"*
- **Check out** **John 20:29!!!** This is you and me! Jesus is talking about us believers today!
- **The Word of God says** that Jesus is real and alive! So, by faith I believe this and live this!
- Jesus was telling Thomas of a time when TANGIBLE evidence like he saw and felt would not be available. **Why?** Jesus ascended back to Heaven! **Acts 1:9-11**

- I have not seen the resurrected Lord and neither have you. **We believe by faith!** But, what a *promise and blessing* that Jesus pronounces for us in **1 Peter 1:8-9**.
- **Verse 9** – *"The reward for trusting Him will be the Salvation of your souls!"*

#1. We presently now have Salvation here!

- The **Holy Spirit** lives in the believer. **Ephesians 1:13**
- We have the **Word of God** guiding us daily, and helping us to overcome the lure and power of sin! **Psalm 119:105** and **Psalm 119:9-11**

#2. Yet, we are waiting for the day of our full and complete Salvation for eternity!

- **Romans 8:23**! One day we will be changed forever!
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** – Encourage one another with this! It will happen one day!!!

Closing: Let us be thankful for the forerunners that came before us who showed us what a GREAT SALVATION (Hebrews 2:3) that we really are a part of!

- **1 Peter 1:10-11**
- We had the **Old Testament Prophets** and **Old Testament people** who laid the foundation of faithfulness to God in life and preaching for us...*"prepared for you"*! **Ephesians 2:20** & **Hebrews 1:1-2**
- We have the Holy Spirit at work through-out all of history pointing to Jesus with His sacrifice and resurrection! **Verse 11-12** (In the beginning at work **Genesis 1:2**)
- The angels! **Verse 12**

****What incredible faith the OT people had! The Old Testament Prophets could not fully understand the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ like the Apostles did (Numbers 24:17)!**

- **The Apostles** actually walked with Jesus, saw him crucified, saw him alive after his resurrection and finally ascend back to Heaven! The difference between the Old and New! **How blessed are we to have both factual Testaments today!!!**
- **Verse 12** – *"And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of Holy Spirit sent from Heaven."*
- **Do we realize this morning**, that the OT Prophets were preaching to us about the future Savior that they would not see...but they had faith and believed? So powerful!
- **We are on this side of the cross this morning!** They were on the other side, and preached like they were right there! What faith that took and trust in God!
- **But, just like what Jesus told Thomas for us...**the OT people had to have the same faith in the unseen! If they can do it...WE can do it! How inspiring this is today for us!!!
- I'm thankful today for the faithful lives of those before us who yielded their entire lives to God, and how God used them to lay the very foundation that we live on today!

Last thing today...1 Peter 1:13 "Be Sober...rest fully on..."

- This means to be Sober 100%! That there is nothing that alters your mind, brain or spirit! **You have 100% of clarity of mind to always follow Christ in every area!**
- This is not just for something that you drink or smoke...this is anxiety and fear as well!