

I. INTRODUCTION.

A. Scripture text: **1Peter 1:13-16.**

Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [14] As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, [15] but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; [16] because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

B. As we continue our look at the epistles of 1&2Peter, tonight, our wonderful salvation.

C. My (remaining) schedule:

3. Jul. 5 Spiritual Progress, Privileges, and Contrasts (1Pet. 2:1-10).
4. Jul. 12 Submission to Authorities and Masters (1Pet. 2:11-25).
5. Jul. 19 Submission in the Home and Church (1Pet. 3:1-17).
6. Aug. 2 The Victory Over Suffering (1Pet. 3:18-4:19).
7. Aug. 9 The Victory Over Satan (1Pet. 5).
8. Aug. 16 The True Knowledge of Life (2Pet. 1:1-15).
9. Aug. 23 True Knowledge Revealed (2Pet. 1:16-2:22).
10. Aug. 30 The Safeguards of True Knowledge (2Pet. 3:1-18).

II. THE GLORY OF OUR SALVATION IS SEEN IN ITS CHARACTER (1Pet. 1:3-12).

A. The new birth makes it all possible, and the new birth is possible because of X's resurrection (1:3).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

B. Our great inheritance (1:4,5) is:

to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1. Incorruptible. It is not ravaged by an invading army.
2. Undefiled. The sin of the world cannot infect it.
3. Unfading. There is no change, no decay, and is untouched by the changes of life.
4. Reserved in Heaven. Xians are the enrolled of God.
5. Protected in time and eternity.

C. The secret of endurance (1:6,7) is that the suffering is momentary while the salvation is eternal.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, [7] that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

D. Our salvation is unseen, but not unknown (1:8,9).

and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, [9] obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

E. The glory of our salvation is seen in its greatness (1:10-12):

As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful search and inquiry, [11] seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. [12] It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven-- things into which angels long to look.

1. Salvation is the subject of prophetic inquiry.
2. Salvation is the subject or spirit of revelation.
3. Salvation is the subject of apostolic preaching.
4. Salvation is the subject or angelic inquiry.

III. THE GLORY OF OUR SALVATION IS SEEN IN THE FRUIT OF HOPE (1Pet. 1:13-16).

-  A. Three challenges to Xians (1:13):
Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
1. Gird up the loins of the mind. Do not be content with a weak, flabby, and unexamined faith. Think things out and think them through in order to be strong.
 2. Be sober. Maintain a steadiness about what you believe.
 3. Set your hope on the grace to come. The one who lives in hope can endure the trials of present.
- B. The unholy or X-less life (1:14).
As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,
- C. The X filled life is a life of holiness patterned after God (1:15).
but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

IV. THE GLORY OF OUR SALVATION IS SEEN IN THE CALL TO FEAR (1Pet. 1:17-21).

-  A. Remember that God is an impartial judge who will judge according to works. We are to live a life of fear (reverence) toward God (1:17).
And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth;
- B. But Xians are:
1. Redeemed (1:18,19). To be set free by a payment of ransom.
knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, [19] but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
 2. Foreknown (1:20). Part of God's eternal plan of salvation.
For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you
 3. Full of faith and hope (1:21).
who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

V. THE GLORY OF OUR SALVATION IS SEEN IN ITS LOVE (1Pet. 1:22-25).

-  A. Xians have obeyed the truth, which purifies their souls. Now they are to love the brethren (1:22).
Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,
- B. What is this love?
1. The nature of this love -- agape.
 2. The character of this love -- sincere.
 3. The degree of this love -- fervent.
 4. The source of this love -- out of a pure heart.
 5. The reason for this love -- purified souls.
- C. Corruptible seed refers to physical birth. Incorruptible seed refers to spiritual birth (1:23).
for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.
- D. Our obedience means we have something permanent, unlike the grass and flowers (1:24,25).
For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, [25] BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

VI. CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

-  A. Peter tries to encourage the Xians by telling them of what they have in X.
- B. Knowing of how great salvation is, can be a big help in overcoming trials:
1. Xians have a great inheritance and a great hope.
 2. Xians have a call to be reverent; to love the truth and the brethren.
- C. Who needs to be come a Xian to enjoy these blessings?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.