

III. Salvation is _____

Vss. 10-12 This salvation was something the prophets wanted to know more about. They prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you, even though they had many questions as to what it all could mean. 11 They wondered what the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. They wondered when and to whom all this would happen. 12 They were told that these things would not happen during their lifetime, but many years later, during yours. And now this Good News has been announced by those who preached to you in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. But we were eye witnesses of His majesty. 2 Peter 1:16

Do you know Jesus this way? vs. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

Vs. 9 The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

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Part 1



What To Remember When Your Feeling Discouraged

The Indicatives of God
1 Peter 1:1-12

This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. 2 God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace. 1 Peter 1:1,2

Indicative: (adj) showing, suggesting, or pointing out that something exists or is true

There are four simple truths in these 12 verses

1. Vs. 1-2. Your calling is divine, it's from God Himself.
2. Vs. 3-5. Your inheritance is eternal and beyond measure in this life.
3. Vs. 6-8. Your struggles no matter how difficult have meaning and purpose.
4. Vs. 9-12. Your salvation is everything and on top of that God's holy angels are very intrigued.

Three Things To Remember When Your Feeling Discouraged

I. DESTINY IS _____

1 Peter 1:2a: "Dear friends, God the Father chose you long ago and knew you would become His children."

On what basis did He chose you?

Vs. 3 It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. *(NLT)*

Vs. 3 In His great mercy, He's given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *(NIV)*

Vs. 4 For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy. Where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:19

Here's the God's truth: Some of you spend your whole fortune and all that you have pursuing things that will corrupt will fade will perish will decay.

What have I done this week that will last forever?

Vs. 5 "God in His mighty power will make sure that you get there safely."

II. Problems have a Purpose

Easiest thing to say, hardest to experience.

Peter 15 times in this book talks about suffering and 8 times uses different Greek words to describe the complexity of all of the trials that you experience.

Why Am I in Holland?

Vs. 7 These trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure.

The purpose of problems is to _____

vs. 6 So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while.

vs. 7...so if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

You can never out sacrifice what you will receive.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, **strangers** in the world,

1 Peter 1:1

1. Our lifestyle should be so distinct from other people that they see it as strange.

2. This world isn't our home.