

I Peter 1

- I. **V.1-2 Introduction**
 - a. V.1
 - i. Peter identifies himself as the author
 - ii. “The pilgrims of the dispersion” = the saints who are scattered in the region; not about the Jews; See 2:11
 - iii. Addresses the region of upper Asia Minor: Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia
 - b. V.2
 - i. The saints are “elect” (chosen)
 - ii. This election took place as a result of God’s “foreknowledge” (consideration or thought beforehand). This election took place:
 - 1. In sanctification (purification) of the Spirit (the only means of being made holy and pure is through the Spirit)
 - 2. Unto obedience (the means of entering in the “election”)
 - 3. Unto the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ (to fully commit and devote the “vessel” to the Lord)
- II. **V.3-5 – How great is our salvation!**
 - a. According to God’s mercy we have been begotten again (born again) to a living hope by means of the resurrection of Christ from the dead
 - b. We have a glorious inheritance waiting for us
 - c. We are “kept” by the power of God through faith for salvation
- III. **v.6-9 – Trials only serve to strengthen our salvation**
 - a. Our faith is tested through persecution and proves it to be genuine. Any impurities are filtered out by the trying of our faith
 - b. We love Christ even though we have never seen Him – and the culmination of enduring in faith will be salvation
- IV. **V.10-12 – The details of our salvation have long been sought**
 - a. The prophets sought to know the details, not understanding how God would accomplish this great salvation
 - b. Even the angels were not fully aware of God’s full plan
- V. **V.13-16 – We must be prepared to maintain our salvation by being holy**
 - a. Gird up your minds, be sober, look to the salvation that awaits
 - b. Be obedient, be holy
- VI. **V.17-21 – Let the greatness of salvation motivate you and prepare you for Judgment**
 - a. If you call on the Father (acknowledgement of following Him, praying to Him), be careful to conduct yourself accordingly
 - i. God will judge all and will not show partiality
 - b. You were redeemed at a high price...remember this when considering your conduct and the Judgment to come
- VII. **V.22-25 – Allow God’s Word to be manifest in your conduct, proving the salvation that waits in you**
 - a. You have purified your souls by obeying the truth through the Spirit (see v.1)
 - b. The word of God gives birth to an incorruptible character
 - c. Show the effects of this Word in how you treat one another

Questions

1. Does God “elect” individuals to salvation without any action from us? Prove your answer.
2. What event has made our hope a “living hope”? How does this event have any bearing on our being “begotten”?
3. How are we “kept” by the power of God to salvation? Does this mean once we have been saved, we cannot lose that salvation? Prove your answer.
4. Why is it important to emphasize that prophets and angels sought to know of this salvation?
5. Why does Peter quote from the Old Law regarding being holy? Hasn't the Old Law been done away with?
6. What is the significance of quoting Isaiah 40:6-8? What connection is Peter attempting to make in the minds of the saints?