



#1 Celebrate Salvation!

I Peter 1:1-12

1. Our Salvation is the Plan and Work of All Three Members of the Holy Trinity

I Peter 1:1 (HCSB) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ: To the temporary residents dispersed in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father and set apart by the Spirit for obedience and for sprinkling with the blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

- A. The Father **SELECTS**: He Chose You
- B. The Spirit **SANCTIFIES**: He Set You Apart
- C. The Son **SPRINKLES**: He Washed Your Sins Away

2. Our Salvation is Full of Amazing, Heart-Strengthening, Joy-Inducing Eternal Privileges

I Peter 1:3 (HCSB) Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, uncorrupted, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵ You are being protected by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

- A. The Source of Salvation is **GOD**
- B. His Motivation for Providing Salvation is His Great **MERCY**
- C. The **PICTURE** of Salvation: A Second Birthday
- D. The **BENEFITS** Of Salvation: *Living Hope ... Lasting Inheritance ... Secure Standing ... Promised Deliverance*

SALVATION IN THREE ACTS

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
Delivered from sin's Penalty	Delivered from sin's Power	Delivered from sin's Presence

3. Our Salvation Enables Us to Experience Joy even during Seasons of Struggle

I Peter 1:6 (HCSB) You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to struggle in various trials ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire—may result in praise,

glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ You love Him, though you have not seen Him. And though not seeing Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

You Too Can Experience JOY during difficult days...

- Because present trials are only **TEMPORARY**, while the benefits of future salvation will last forever.
- Because God has a clear and good purpose in **ALLOWING** trials.
- Because faith that keeps **CLINGING** to Jesus during trials will be acknowledged and rewarded by Jesus Christ at His 2nd Coming.
- Because genuine faith will keep us **LOVING** Jesus despite never having seen Him.

4. Our Salvation reminds us just how much New Covenant Christians are an Extremely Blessed People!

I Peter 1:10 (HCSB) Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that would come to you searched and carefully investigated. ¹¹ They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when He testified in advance to the messianic sufferings and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Angels desire to look into these things.

FOR YOU PERSONALLY...

When life gets hard for you, realize that your ULTIMATE SALVATION hasn't happened yet, BUT IT IS COMING!

When life seems unfair to you, recognize that there's a sense in which your SALVATION IS STILL IN PROCESS NOW!

When the culture and other people have you feeling quite small and insignificant, remember that SALVATION WAS PLANNED AND REVEALED LONG AGO

FOR US TOGETHER:

A Hopeful People! A Joyful People! A Grateful People!

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