

Series: Living Hope

Sermon: Salvation's Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-5, 10-12

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"His hope is sure, because God has already accomplished his salvation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (Clowney, *The Bible Speaks Today, The Message of 1 Peter*, p. 44.)

1 Peter 1:1-5 (ESV)

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Who are God's people? (v. 1-2)

1. We are exiles in the world. (v. 1)
2. We are dispersed throughout the world. (v. 1)

Jeff's quote from social media:

I'm a chronic people-pleaser. I love when people think well of me. So, when you mix a behavioral-centered Christianity with a people-pleasing temperament, you end up with a lethal cocktail of pride-fueled behavior modification, ultimately driving you farther away from Christ.

This is why a secure identity in Christ and a joyful rest in His finished work is so vital. Christianity's nature is that of grace saturated spiritual transformation, not performance driven behavior modification. One leads to joy-filled rest and obedience. The other leads to burdened duty and restlessness

3. We are secure in the salvation work of the Godhead. (v. 2)

"The expression foreknowledge does not mean that God had information in advance about Christ, or about his elect. Rather it means that both Christ and his people were the objects of God's loving concern from all eternity." - Edmund Clowney, *The Bible Speaks Today, The Message of 1st Peter*, p. 33.)

Next Week:

What is true of God and His people? (v. 3-5)

1. God is _____ and _____ of all of our praise! (v. 3)
2. God has given us a _____. (v. 3)
3. Our new birth has a present reality: _____. (v. 3)
4. Our new birth has a future reality: an _____, _____, and _____ inheritance. (v. 4)
5. The fullness of our salvation _____. (v. 5)

1 Peter 1:10-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,

¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

What would the prophets and angels say to us today? (vs. 10-12)