

Essentials

OF FAITH



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LESSON 4

The Christian Life / Restoration

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1 Peter 1:3–7, 13-16

- ❑ What characteristics of God do you see in this passage?
- ❑ What does it say about our salvation?
- ❑ What does it say about the Christian life?
- ❑ What does it call us to do?

The Christian Life

“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.” 1 Pe 1:3–7, 13–16 ESV

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“⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, **you have been grieved by various trials,** ⁷ **so that the tested genuineness of your faith**—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.....”

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“¹³ Therefore, preparing your **minds** for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope fully on the grace** that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As **obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions** of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, **“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”** 1 Pe 1:3–7, 13-16 ESV

THE NOW AND NOT YET

Romans 8:18-25

Shane & Shane + Piper

JUSTIFICATION and SANCTIFICATION

SANCTIFICATION

God's continuing act of making us like Christ.
(God as Renew-er)

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.” 2 Cor 3:18.

We are saved by GRACE and we are sanctified by GRACE also

The Gospel = We are Loved

*“The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. **He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.**”* Zep 3:17. NIV

The Gospel = We are Loved

*“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?... **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?”*

Ro 8:32, 35. ESV

Obedience

Walking by the Spirit

John 14:15

Galatians 5:16

GROUP DISCUSSION

Can an athlete rely only on his/her natural talent to make it to the Olympics?

Can we as Christians rely solely on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives to take off the old self and put on Christ? Explain why?

How am I called to obey in this situation?

How is the Holy Spirit prodding me on toward love and good deeds?

What sin do I need to confess and repent of?

What could be the root sin (unbelief, pride, selfishness, self-righteousness, etc.)?

Obey

Repent

Context

Believe

How has Christ forgiven me?

How can I rest in Christ's righteousness and finished work?



Assurance of Salvation

Mt 7:16–23

GROUP DISCUSSION

According to Matthew 7:16-23

*What are the main evidences
that God uses to assure us of our
salvation?*

GROUP DISCUSSION

*What does God use to help
us persevere in our
salvation?*

Perseverance/ Preservation of the Saints

“The doctrine of perseverance does not rest on our ability to persevere. Rather, it rests on the promise of God to preserve us.”

R.C. Sproul

Perseverance/ Preservation of the Saints

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ”

Philippians 1:6.

“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified”

Romans 8:30.

Perseverance/ Preservation of the Saints

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” John 6:37.

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:29

RESTORATION

God is Restoring ALL Things:
Creation and US.

The Restoration of the believer is called
GLORIFICATION:

God's act of completing the redemption
of our whole person.

RESTORATION

“This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” 1 Cor 15:53

Finally, death, the last enemy, will be swallowed up in victory.

The process of sanctification will reach its goal.

RESTORATION

New Heaven and New Earth

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Rev 21:3b-4

[Is He Worthy](#)

**What Guarantee has God
given us that He is going
to Restore all things?**

JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.” 1Cor 15:3-5

What evidence confirms our faith in the bodily resurrection of Jesus?

1. His **BODY** was gone, though the tomb was sealed and well guarded.
2. The **GRAVE CLOTHES** remained.

What evidence confirms our faith in the bodily resurrection of Jesus?

- 3. He appeared to OVER 500 PEOPLE in a VARIETY of circumstances.**
- 4. The MARTYRDOM of the Apostles.**
- 5. The CONVERSION of Paul.**

The CONVERSION of Paul.

“Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ”

2 Cor 11:24-25

The CONVERSION of Paul.

“on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.”

The CONVERSION of Paul.

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins... If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Cor 15:17,19-20

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