

Christian Living in Today's Culture

Finding Answers in 1 Peter



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PART 2: GOD'S AMAZING SALVATION



God's great salvation is so amazingly wonderful because it gives you a proper perspective for living in today's culture, especially when you feel different for being a Christian.

KEY WORDS

- ✓ Elect = persons chosen by God from a group of others who are not chosen, and chosen for inclusion among God's people, as recipients of great privilege and blessing (Matt. 24:31; Rom. 8:33; 1 Thess. 1:4, etc.).
- ✓ Foreknowledge = the personal, relational knowledge by which God thought of certain people in a saving relationship to himself before creation. This is to be distinguished from the mere knowledge of facts about a person (Rom. 8:29; 11:2).
- ✓ Sanctification = A progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and more like Christ in our actual lives (Rom. 6:14; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29).

EXPLORING THE TEXT (1:1-12)

You are saved because you have been chosen

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 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. (1 Pet. 1:1-2 ESV)

You are saved because of God's great mercy

"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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet. 1:3-5 ESV)

Until Jesus returns you will experience trials

"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 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. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." (1 Pet. 1:6-9 ESV)

Salvation **perplexed** the OT prophets

"Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 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." (1 Pet. 1:10-12 ESV)

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AMAZING THINGS THAT HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARE SAVED

1. You are made **righteous before God** and **forgiven of all your sins.**

- Romans 6:11; 8:1, 39; Gal. 3:28; Ephesians 2:6, 7
- Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; Psalm 103:12

2. God begins **making you like Jesus.**

- Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18

3. You are given **eternal life in heaven** and a **specific place in heaven.**

- Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5; John 3:16
- John 14:2-3; Revelation 21:8, 27; 22:15

4. You enjoy a **new relationship with God** and you are **adopted into his family.**

- 1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3
- Ephesians 1:5; 1 Peter 1:3-4

5. You will be given a **new body.**

- Philippians 3:20-21