

Salvation - A Cause for Rejoicing

1 Peter 1:3-12

Context - Peter has opened his letter with a beautiful Trinitarian greeting and he now helps his readers rejoice in their salvation.

Main Point - Rejoice in your salvation.

Salvation is a cause for rejoicing when you...

1. _____ its permanence (vs. 3-5)

A. This heavenly inheritance is 'imperishable', meaning that it is not subject to decay, unable to be worn out with the passage of time.

B. This inheritance is also 'undefiled' (i.e. 'unstained by sin. Peter invites contemplation of a heavenly inheritance unpolluted by sin and containing nothing unworthy of God's full approval.

C. Furthermore, the inheritance is 'unfading'. Unlike earthly wealth (Jas 1:11), it will never wither, grow dim, or lose its beauty or glory.

D. Finally, the inheritance is *kept in heaven for you*. The form of the verb 'kept' (perfect passive participle) indicates a completed past activity (by God) with results that are still continuing in the present

2. _____ the length of trials (vs. 6-7)

A. Peter tells us that these trials are for a "short time"

B. While our salvation is permanent and eternal, our trials are temporal and passing.

3. _____ Jesus (8-12)

A. The Prophets Prophesied It

B. The Preachers Preached It

C. The Angels Pry into It