

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 1:10-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“THE GREATEST TEACHING ON BIBLE PROPHECY EVER” – Part 1

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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1 Peter 1:10-12

:10 Of this salvation the prophets have **inquired** and **searched** carefully, who **prophesied** of the grace that **would come to you**, **:11** **searching** what, or what **manner** of time, **the Spirit of Christ** who was in **them** was **indicating** when He **testified beforehand** of the **sufferings** of Christ and the **glories** that would follow. **:12** To **them** (prophets) it was **revealed** that, not to **themselves**, but to **us they** were **ministering** the things which now have been **reported** to you through those who have **preached the gospel** to you by **the Holy Spirit** sent from heaven – things which angels **desire** to look into.

The Greatest Teaching On Bible Prophecy Ever
Is The Prophetic Word Regarding Salvation.

The Doctrine of Salvation is The Oldest, The Greatest, The Most
Prevalent Doctrine Taught in The Bible.

1 Peter 1:5,9

:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto **salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time, **:9** Receiving the end of your faith, even the **salvation** of your souls.

One Notable Theologian Comments on vs. 9 saying...

“For you are receiving the consummation of your faith, that is, the final act of your salvation which will culminate in the return of Jesus Christ!

Paramount To “Things That Have Been Written Before” is
what is found in...

Genesis 3:15

I (LORD) will put enmity (hostility – open warfare) between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and her Seed; He shall bruise (strike with great force) your head, and you shall bruise (strike with great force) His heel.”

All this for the souls of men. In some way and
for some reason unknown to us, there is a great battle taking place regarding the redemption of mankind and the salvation of an individual soul.

The God of The Bible
does not operate in the realm of risk-taking or chance.
God is not a cosmic gambler - - I say that because Peter opened his epistle with a “Doxology” found in verses 1 through 9, and in his Doxology he uses the word “**Grace**”

1 Peter 1:2c

Grace to you and peace be **multiplied.**
layer upon layer, more upon more is the grace needed for you to live, walk and finish your “Christ-life” or Christian life in this world.

Meaning:

As you walk-on, there is “an abounding grace” that enables you and I to advance or move-on in your spiritual development on a daily basis.

There is no risk here of God being taken advantage of our being abused by His grace - - quite the contrary.

Titus 3:6-7a

Whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
7 that having been justified **by His grace**

Ephesians 2:8

For by {His} **grace** you have been saved through faith,
and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense

Not One of God’s Children Can Think
of “using” or “exploiting” the grace of God as a license to sin.
It’s not possible for a believer

“I can get high because it makes me feel better about everything.” / “My girlfriend and I, we believe in Jesus and we’re having sex but it’s ok because we love each other” / “I can drink alcohol because I have ‘liberty in Christ’”

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?
2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Because of the Power of God’s ability to rescue (save) you and I from death and then destruction.

The Greatest Teaching On Bible Prophecy Ever

1.) Is what God has said about Salvation vs. 10

1a.) His salvation is a forethought vs. 10a

10a Of **this salvation the prophets** have inquired

“of this salvation.”

This is what is known as an **“Exclusionary Statement”** meaning that all other ideas, forms, doctrines and beliefs regarding any other salvation – are inadequate, incapable and insufficient. In a word “unable”

The Salvation of God knows no parallel and has no rival.

Galatians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. **:6** I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, **7** which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. **9** As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

(Might I remind you that this was written and in print and in circulation centuries before Mohammad invented Islam and 2,000 years before Joseph Smith invented Mormonism or Charles Russell invented the Jehovah's Witnesses – These Cults came later.)

(10a) “the **prophets** have **inquired**”

“**But wait we're talking about the prophets of the Old Testament**”, Where would they go to search the Scriptures?

Good question – they had the first five books of Moses. They would've searched those books trying to find the passages that referred to the coming Messiah that was prophesied in **Genesis 3:15**.

Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones Points Out:

“From one poignant and powerful verse, the entire word of God would be revealed in support of the doctrine of God that is known as Soteriology, The Salvation Doctrine of God's infinite love.”

“the **prophets** have **inquired**”
these would be the “Biblical Prophets” of the Old Testament.

1 Peter 1:20-21

Knowing this first (keep this upfront), that no **prophecy** of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for **prophecy** never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were **moved** by the Holy Spirit.

The Author of the Bible is God the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16a

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,

Church listen, this is how cults work. All cults have the same author, His name is Louie Lucifer and he is the publisher of false doctrines and aberrant thought. Satan is the one who says “Did God really say...”

inquired grk: ek'zet'eo, to seek out and to bring out. To make all effort to find out, to search and to search again. To comb-over the evidence looking for clues.

John 5:39-40a

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **40** But you are not willing to come to Me

According to the Bible,

It claims that the very concept of redemption and salvation is uniquely found in the God of the Bible Himself.

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Is what God has said about Salvation.

1b.) His salvation is a knowable

vs. 10b

10b and **searched** carefully, who **prophesied**

The ministry of the Prophets was unlike that of any other of God's servants. They were often viewed as being detached from the conventional wisdom of their day. **They spoke of things that** were invisible to the human mind at the time and they had **a way about them that either** drew people toward God or sent them **running from God.**

Matthew 23:33-34

Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? **34** Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His prophets, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. **16** But they mocked the prophets of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy.

1c.) His salvation is an experience

vs. 10c

10c who **prophesied** of **the grace** that **would come** to you,

I thank God that “Learning about God” is not the end all. Being a follower of Jesus Christ is not some “lonely exercise in some philosophical vacuum.” Knowing God is to Experience God

Ephesians 3:1-6

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles - - **2** if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, **3** how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, **4** by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), **5** which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, **as it has now been revealed** by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: **6** that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

End of Study

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