

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 2

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.

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

:10 Of this salvation the prophets have **inquired** and **searched** carefully, who **prophesied** of the grace that would come to you,

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

1b.) His salvation is knowable vs. 10b

1c.) His salvation is an experience vs. 10c

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2.) Is how God would provide Salvation vs. 11

: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.

2a.) He ordained the time of salvation vs. 11a

:11a searching what, or what **manner** of time,

searching #1 - what (WHO) will the Messiah be like (BE),
what will be the announcement that He has arrived?

searching #2 – what will the times be like when He comes,
what will the world be like then?

Romans 15:4

For whatever **things were written before** were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

You might find it a great pursuit to research “how God’s word was preserved throughout the ages” - - it is beyond remarkable.

Galatians 4:4

But when **the fullness of the time had come**, God sent forth His Son,

Ephesians 1:10

that in the **dispensation of the fullness of the times** He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - - in Him.

Ephesians 3:2

if indeed you have heard of the **dispensation of the grace** of God which was given to me for you,

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Is how God would provide Salvation

2b.) He inspired the revelation of salvation

vs. 11b

:11b the Spirit of Christ who was in **them** was **indicating**

Indicating grk:deloo; to be made plain, to be revealing, to be taking what is and making it known at a particular time or time(s)

Here we learn about the **Spirit of Christ (Messiah)** that was at work in them - - revealing Christ Himself.

There's a two-fold, {complimentary action} revealed here.

#1 there is the **internal quest of the human heart upward** and of the mind to find - the desire for redemption and ultimately God Himself.

#2 – there is the **revelation of God Himself to mankind**. It is God who both draws us to Himself and then reveals Himself to us.

The heart that is after God, desiring to be with God,
is a heart awakening – to spiritual reality that will not be denied.

Jeremiah 29:13-14a

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
14a I will be found by you, says the Lord,

:11b the Spirit of Christ

This is not a contradiction, rather, it is an argument for the personality of the Holy Spirit who, being the third person of the Trinity. Notice the Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is not only the **author of the Bible**, but **He was the power** that raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

But He is also our Teacher

John 16:7-14

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this

world is judged. :**12** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

2 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,

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Is how God would provide Salvation.

2c.) He testified of the origin of salvation

vs. 11c

:**11c** when He (the Holy Spirit) **testified beforehand** of **the sufferings** of Christ and **the glories** that would follow.

If you attend our Wednesday night studies then you know that we are in the book of Isaiah and that we are right in the middle of looking at Isaiah’s description of Israel’s suffering Messiah.

Please bear with me as I restate Isaiah’s theme

of the book of Isaiah (Messiah would have to first suffer for the sins of the world before establishment of His Kingdom)

Isaiah 53 in Total

Zechariah 12:10b

then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Psalms 2:1-2

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed,

Psalm 22:1

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me,

Psalm 69:20-21b

Reproach (taunting) has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. **21** They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

The Suffering Ministry of the Messiah

Daniel 9:26c

the Messiah shall be **cut off**, but not for Himself.

Isaiah 50:6

I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

Zechariah 13:6

New International Version

If someone asks, 'What are these wounds on your **body**?' they will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.'

The Emmaus Road Meeting

Luke 24:25-27

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Ought not the Christ to have **suffered** these things and to enter into His **glory**?" **27** And beginning at **Moses** and **all the Prophets**, He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures** the things concerning Himself.

My dear Jewish friend, if you're waiting for the first coming of your messiah, *how is it then that when He does come, He comes bearing the evidence of torture and of a resurrected body* - - displaying the scars and wounds of a crucified man?

This is a simple but bold challenge that God has given us.

there is no other writing, no other book, no other person in all of human history that can compare to the scope, magnitude and precision that the Bible gives to Jesus of Nazareth.

Line them up, line them all up – history's wiremen, its gurus and prophets, non can compare.

Students Note Here:

Scholars are divided on the meaning

#1 is Peter speaking of the suffering of Jesus Christ back then or **#2** is Peter speaking of the sufferings that will be to upon those who are Christians as was those of Peter's audience of the Diaspora? I believe the answer is behind **#2** the latter for this reason, the verse indicates that as history comes to a conclusion - - persecutions and sufferings for Jesus' sake will increase.

John 15:15-21

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another. :18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

Philippians 1:27-30 NLT

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. **28** Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. **29** For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. **30** We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.

End of Study

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