

Keeping Your Eternal Perspective

Video Bible Study | First Peter 1:3-5 | 3/27/20

Observation: “What Do I See?” (Read the text)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

“What Does It Mean? (Answer some questions)

1. What does “blessed” mean? In the face of persecution, how does this call to “bless” (or worship) God impact the present situation of Peter’s audience?
2. In what terms is the first member of the Trinity described in relation to Jesus Christ? What implications might this have for our lives? If Jesus is the Son, was He created?
3. How are believers “born again”? (Ephesians 2:1-5)
4. What does it mean to “be born again?” (John 3:3-8)
5. In this passage, believers are “born again” for the purpose of obtaining an inheritance. What are the characteristics of that inheritance? How do each of these bring out a different nuance to the inheritance?
6. What guarantee does a believer have that his/her inheritance is secure?

7. Verse 5 reveals the means by which God protects our inheritance. What is it?
8. What are we to make of “salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”? Aren’t we already “saved”? (Hint: the Bible speaks about salvation in different tenses. See chart below.)

The Bible speaks of salvation in different tenses ...		
Past	Present	Future
<i>He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)</i>	<i>For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us <u>who are being saved</u> it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)</i>	<i>Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, <u>we shall be saved</u> from the wrath of God through Him. (Romans 5:9)</i>

“How will I apply the meaning to my life?” (Live for Christ)

Digging Deeper

“Inheritance: From the Old Testament to the New Testament”

Peter loved the OT. He knew it well. In 1:4, he brings the OT language of inheritance into the post-cross experience of God’s faithful. In the OT “inheritance” frequently referred to the land God promised Israel (the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the OT, uses the same word from 1 Pet 1:4). In the NT, Peter uses the same language to describe what is in store for the Christian. Just as land was promised to Israel now an end-time hope is promised to believers. (A physical aspect still remains—a “new heaven and new earth”—as 2 Pet 3:13 and Rev 21:1-22:5 teach). We are exiles who wander and suffer now. However, our final home with Jesus Christ, our inheritance, awaits us.