

1 Peter 1:10-12

Benefit: We Have The Gospel Message!

Introduction

1. Peter honors the Salvation received from Jesus Christ
2. Salvation has been Magnified in the opening verses
3. We are to admire God's precious mercy
4. We have Great Benefit in this moment in Redemptive History compared to others – We Have the Whole Bible (All of God's Revelation)

Main Idea of 1 Peter 1:1-5

The Old Testament Prophets served future believers more than themselves in our salvation by what they wrote and preachers proclaimed by the Holy Spirit. This salvation is so precious, even higher beings (angels) desire to grasp it. We should have great gratitude and not neglect it.

Concerning This Salvation (v 10a)

1. We Need to be saved... from what?
 - a. Sin (**1 Peter 2:24, 3:18**)
 - b. God's Judgment (**1 Peter 4:17**)
 - c. Satan (**1 Peter 5:8**)

The Prophets Prophesied About Our Salvation (v 10b)

1. A Biblical Prophet: One given Divine Revelation and becomes God's Spokesman (**Luke 1:68-71**)
2. Who were the prophets spoken of here? Moses onward
3. The Subject of their Prophecy: Grace Given and the Sufferings of the Christ with the Glories that Followed
4. A Saving Grace for those on this side of the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah

The Prophets Inquired, Christ Predicted (v11)

1. A Careful Investigation – An Intense Inquiry
2. Focus: What was the person, the time of these things?
3. The Prophets were not ignorant, rather they wanted to know the impact of the revelation given by God
4. 100's of Years Before the Spirit of Christ within the Prophets Made Known His Suffering and Glory
 - a. **Isaiah 52:13, 53:1-3**
 - b. **Jeremiah 31:31**

5. The Son of God contemplated His own suffering and His death for Eternity (**1 Peter 1:20-21**)
6. The Prophets inquired into What the Spirit of Christ Revealed to them (**Isaiah 53:10, Psalm 16:10**)
7. Both the Old Testament & New Testament Bears Witness About Jesus Christ (**Acts 3:22-26, 10:42-43**)

Christ Revealed The Prophets Served Others (v 12a)

1. The Prophets Served Believers – You and Me – by writing about Christ and Our Salvation
2. Jesus told His Followers their Benefit (**Matt 13:17**)
3. God Knows the Impact of the Revelation, the Prophet did not need to know all the details

Preachers Announce The Prophets Gospel News (v 12b)

1. The Message Announced through Gospel Preachers
2. Unnamed Men – the message is what is important
3. Preached in the Holy Spirit – His presence and power
4. Sent forth from Heaven to point people to Christ

Angels Long To Look Into This Salvation (v 12c)

1. Pure Spirit Beings, Elect Angels longed to, desired to (Continually) peer into this Salvation - Ongoing
2. Angels Look into Our Salvation, desire to lay hold of it, but they cannot
3. Sinners Saved by Grace know their need and take hold of Jesus Christ
4. The Angels are part of our Salvation – They announced the coming of Christ, one ministered to Jesus in the wilderness, there were those who were at the Cross of Calvary, at the empty tomb
5. If angels do not neglect our salvation, what does this say about us?
6. We have great privilege in our gracious redemption
7. Let us investigate like the prophets, let us long to understand our salvation more like the angels
8. ILLUSTRATION: John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* – The Man with the Muck-Rake
9. Be Grateful for the Benefit of having the Gospel, provided by God