

Such A Great Salvation

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Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

~1st Peter 1:13-16 (NASB)

1) The Trinity Establishing Such A Great Salvation

- A) Like the Trinitarian introduction to Peter’s letter (1st Peter 1:1-2) addressing followers of Christ who are “resident aliens,” but still “chosen by God,” Peter expands our understanding of God, Christ, and Holy Spirit in securing an extraordinary salvation for His people (1:3-12).
- B) “Father” is a common New Testament title for God (1st Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 3:17) and is always used in relationship with Jesus Christ (cf. 1st Peter 1:3).
- C) God as Father in the New Testament is not distinguishing God’s role as Creator, but rather His distinctive role in the new birth of those He has chosen through Jesus Christ!

- D) Whenever we pray to “God the Father,” it recognizes God as the gracious author of our great salvation, secured through Jesus Christ (1:3), and protecting us for ultimate fulfillment at a future final day (1:4-5).
- E) The rewards of salvation are not limited to the future though, giving us hope in the midst of our circumstances to live with “inexpressible joy” and “full of [God’s] glory” as we are refined (smelted) for salvation (1:6-9).
- F) Genuine faith is tested faith (1:7), and we are like Jesus Christ when we are experiencing His “sufferings” (1:12).
- G) Participating in this great salvation, revealed to us by the Holy Spirit (complete Triune Godhead, 1:3-12), is a superior experience to the Old Testament prophets, and even to that of angels who long to experience the gospel (1:12).

2) Responding To Such A Great Salvation

- A) Out of response to all that God has done, is doing, and will do for salvation, we are called to respond out of our relationship with Jesus Christ in holy living (1:13-16).
- B) What is holy living? Being “obedient children” of Father God, who reject the passionate desires/lusts (1:14) of this life for the hope of both a present and future salvation.
- C) This great salvation has not come without great cost, secured by the blood of Jesus Christ, so that our hope and lives would be in a loving and good God (1:17-21).
- D) Such a great salvation is not like the passing circumstances of this world, but is imperishable and should result in holy living through the preaching of this great Gospel (1:22-25).