

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER
TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 1:3-9

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“From Here To Eternity”

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **according to** His **abundant mercy** has **begotten us again to a living hope** through **the resurrection** of **Jesus Christ** from the dead,

:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that **does not fade away, reserved** in heaven for you, **:5** who are **kept** by the power of God **through** faith for salvation **ready** to be **revealed** in the **last time**.

:6 In this you **greatly rejoice**, though now **for a little while**, if need be, you have been **grieved by various trials**, **:7** (all for this purpose) that **the genuineness of your faith**, being **much more precious** than gold that perishes, though it is **tested** by fire, may be **found to praise, honor, and glory** at the **revelation** of **Jesus Christ**,

:8 whom having **not seen you love**. Though **now** (only for now) you do not see Him, yet **believing**, you **rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory**, **:9** **receiving** the end of your faith - - **the salvation** of your **souls**.

Look with me if you would as to; How these 7 versus, (3 thru 9)
are divided up into “2 parts of the same reality”
that is as Pilgrims, we are on our way home to God’s Forever-Land.

The Context before us demands that we identify the fact

that there is a **Destination in Sight**.

That now is the time for the follower of Jesus Christ to be setting his sights on the goal of heaven – having that as the point of our **terminus**.

From Here To Eternity

1.) We are confident

vs. 3

I love the confidence of not having confidence in myself
but in my Father in heaven.

From Here To Eternity We Are Confident

1a.) Confident knowing He is delighted

vs. 3a

:3a Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Blessed grk: eulogetos; well spoken of, well-being, happy.

Luke 12:32

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over
you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.”

From Here To Eternity We Are Confident

1b.) Confident knowing He is merciful

vs. 3b

:3b who according to His abundant mercy
has begotten us again to a living hope

who **[according to] His abundant mercy**

- 1.) has **[begotten us again]** *(to give a second birth into)* **a living hope. v.4**
- 2.) has **[begotten us again]** *(to give a second birth into)* **an inheritance. v.5**
- 3.) has **[begotten us again]** *(to give a second birth into)* **salvation. v.9**

This “begotten us again” means that it originates in Him. How much **planning, strategy and work did you put into your earthly birth?**

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Every human being is born into this world spiritually dead. We possess a “spirituality” but we are spiritually dead toward God.

Ephesians 2:1-4

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others :4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Galatians 5:19 -21

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Mercy Works Like a Defibrillator

to shock someone back to life as it were? Well, every one of us must be “shocked back to life” and the Holy Spirit as uses the Bible as the **Defibrillator**

From Here To Eternity We Are Confident

1c.) Confident knowing He is generous

vs. 3c

:3c through the resurrection
of **Jesus Christ** from the dead,

The dynamics that come forth from the cross are exhaustive
in power and in promise.

Resurrection grk: **anastasis**; to stand again, to rise up.

Romans 8:10-11

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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John 14:19c

Because I live, you will live also.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

From Here To Eternity

2.) We are assured

vs. 4-5

From Here To Eternity We Are Assured

2a.) Assured knowing that He gives all

vs. 4

:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that
does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

We get all that He has promised and more.

Romans 8:14-17

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Inheritance **grk:** kleronomia; 1st. found in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the **Old Testament for the Land of Canaan** (Promised Land) and it means to be the heir of great wealth and of a vast kingdom.

There are 3 allusions here to the Canaan of Old
that Israel entered into under Joshua’s (Jesus’) command. Sadly, they, by their disobedience, Corrupted, Defiled, & Lost the Land by their Idolatry.

Incorruptible, undefiled, & Fades Not

These (3) three words speak of three (3) descriptions of the
(1) same thing.

Meaning; your future-heavenly existence in all its forms and in all of its experiences can never be corrupted, defiled or worn out – forever!

All 3 words carry with them a (military theme) that means;
no invader, no army, no weapon can affect their meaning.

1 Corinthians 2:9

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has **prepared** for those who love Him.”

Reserved **grk:** tereo; guarded, watched over, to surround with a garrison.

Imagine if earthly reservation were kept like this
Like the 2 angels set over the tree of life in the garden

It’s been “treasured-up” in heaven for you.

From Here To Eternity We Are Assured

2b.) Assured knowing that He cannot fail

vs. 5b

:5b who are **kept by** the power of God
through faith for salvation

kept **grk:** phroureo; personally being guarded, being protected, being surrounded for safe keeping.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

It is the power of God that **has kept you up until now.**

It is the power of God that **is keeping you today.**

It is the power of God that **will keep you until the end.**

“ Other than His Salvation - God’s Power to Keep You
Is the great manifestation of His glory. ”

He will keep you because of His own glory!

Through faith

2 Peter 1:5-9

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

From Here To Eternity We Are Assured

2c.) Assured knowing that He brings salvation

vs. 5c

:5c ready to be **revealed** in the **last time.**

ready

grk: hetoimos; to have prepared something before it was known to be needed. (in foreknowledge having provided it) God had it ready before Jack knew he needed it

Meaning that **The New Testament is the message of the Gospel – the time has come!**

Matthew 13:16-17

But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

1 Peter 1:10-11

This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. 11 They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. 12 They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

:5b ready to be revealed in the last time.

There is an Urgency to This - a Demand for Preparedness

Is there a biblical precedence for that understanding?

Hebrew 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. **To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear** a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing **salvation** to all people.
12 And we are instructed **to turn** from **godless** living and **sinful** pleasures. We
should **live in this evil world** with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to
God, **(nlt)** 13 looking for (the terminus) the blessed hope and glorious appearing
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. **(nkjv)**

Are you “arriving” at your destination?

Are you “arriving” at His destination?

End of Study

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