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 3

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 1:10-12

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: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.

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.

Revelation 19:10

And I (John) fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have **the testimony of Jesus**. Worship God! For **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."**

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1.) Is what God has said about Salvation

vs. 10

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- 1a.) His salvation is a forethought vs. 10a
- 1b.) His salvation is a knowable vs. 10b
- 1c.) His salvation is an experience vs. 10c

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2.) Is how God would provide Salvation

vs. 11

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- 2a.) He ordained the time of salvation vs. 11a
- 2b.) He inspired the revelation of salvation vs. 11b
- 2c.) He testified of the origin of salvation vs. 11c

Jesus Christ, of course in His earthly ministry,

personified all that God had written in his word, the Bible. It is;

(1) The Bible that reveals to us God **promises** to save. (2) It is God's **pleasure** to save. (3) It is God's **prerogative**

Romans 5:1-2, 6,8

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God **through** our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand...

- :6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

Jesus Christ is the substitute for all things, but nothing can be a substitute for Jesus

Christ" Dr. Harry Ironside

The Greatest Teaching On Bible Prophecy Ever, Is "Who God Would grant Salvation to"

3.) Is who God would grant Salvation to

vs. 12

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3a.) Salvation is central to the revelation

vs. 12a

:12 To them (prophets) it was revealed

The (Prophet then) and the (Christian now) Neither they nor we have any message of our own to give.

The Christian Minister is not called to manufacturer anything – we are all called to repeat only what God has said.

We say what has been revealed.

(there is no new truth – there is only God's truth and truth is as eternal as God is because He is truth itself)

Salvation is central to the revelation

John 14:6a

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you **first of all** that which **I also received**:
(1) that Christ died for our sins according to the **Scriptures**, **4** and that (2) He was **buried**, and (3) that He **rose again** the third day according to the **Scriptures**,

1 Corinthians 1:17

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel,

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3b.) Salvation is for all who receive

vs. 12b

:12b 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

John 1:10-12

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

This "Salvation" is received in many ways but every one of those "ways" - - brings the sinner to the same place, same conclusion, to the Same Door.

I met Allen this past Friday, he is a Pharmacist.

Allen was invited by a friend to come to church here 9 years ago. He heard the Gospel, went off to UCLA and sought out Christians and later prayed to receive Christ!

What about you - what is your personal testimony?

The Greatest Teaching On Bible Prophecy Ever, Is who God would grant Salvation to.

3c.) Salvation is of God, Who provides God

vs. 12c

:12c by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things which angels desire to look into.

The Centrality of This Salvation was not just that of the prophets, not just that of the Holy Spirit, not just that of the Apostles, - - but it was also that of the Angels.

!!! And it's to be our personal centrality as Christians !!!

It is our privilege to know that we are saved.

Dwight L. Moody

Saving us is the greatest and most concrete demonstration of God's love, it is the definite display of His grace throughout all Time and eternity."

Dr. David Jeremiah

(Together as Christians) It's our focus here at this church. Because of your prayers and \$ support that allows us together to proclaim to the world, literally the salvation message of the Cross. As a team we're preaching and teaching together the word of God to the ends of the earth.

:12c things which angels desire to look into.

According to the Bible, Angels are fascinated by God's ministry toward Humans.

things which **angels** desire to look into.

Angels grk: aggelos; heavenly messengers. Angelic entities. Beings. (message bearers or messengers of or from the spirit realm)

things which angels desire to look into.

Since no man is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is open to all.

There is nothing else that hinders us from entering, but one's own unbelief

Reformer, John Calvin

things which angels desire to <u>look</u> into.

Daniel 4:13b

Behold, a watcher, a holy one came down from heaven;

Daniel 4:17

This decision is by the decree of the **watchers**, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,

Hebrews 1:14

Are they (angels / watchers) not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

But there's one verse that, for me, ties it all together perfectly in Technicolor.

they witness this...

1 Timothy 3:16

That without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was **manifested** in the flesh, **justified** in the Spirit, **seen** by angels,

Seen op -tom-ahee; is to gaze at or upon something or someone with intense interests; to open wide the eyes or to be wild-eyed; to stare at something remarkable; not a voluntary observation but rather an earnest, continued inspection; to be held captive by what is being observed.

Then they quickly appear to say that...

Luke 2:10-11,13-14

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for **behold**, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. :**13** And **suddenly** there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host **praising** God and saying : **14** "**Glory** to God in the highest,

I wonder how often these Watchers/Angels must listen to us and see us and hear us say the dumbest things.

From Genesis to Revelation the Bible has a preoccupation

with the doctrine / teaching of salvation. In fact, when we look into eternity we see the continual worship that the redeemed express to the Lamb of

God...

Revelation 5:9-14

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." :11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands..8 ...12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" :13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" :14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

You will find all true theology summed up in these two short sentences: **Salvation** is all of the grace of God. **Damnation** is all of the will of man. **Charles Spurgeon**

The Cross // The Invitation // The Hour

