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# Building on the Foundations of Salvation

1 Peter 1:3-9



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# All Praise to God

- **Blessed (*eulogētos*) ~ “worthy of adoration, honor, and praise.”**
- **In the New Testament this word is applied only to God. He is the only one worthy of our highest praise.**
- **The Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount use a different Greek word (*makarios*) which means “happy or fortunate.”**
- **Jesus said, “I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God” (John 20:17).**

# Regeneration ~ new life



- **Grace** means giving something good that is undeserved.  
**Mercy** means withholding something bad that is deserved.
- God “caused us to be born again.” Each of us deserves just the opposite, but according to God’s great mercy, He gives us something which we do not deserve – that is, new life.
- This was a specific point-in-time action in the life of a believer at the moment a person places faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
- Just as a human being cannot be “unborn,” a believer (once regenerated) cannot be unborn or lose his new life in Christ.

## Expanding the definition of “salvation”

- “Salvation” is not limited only to the wonderful things which God accomplished for us in the past at the moment we believed.
- “born again to a living hope” (*elpis*) ~ “the anticipation or expectation of something yet future.”
- “living hope” (*zaō*) ~ “having life or being alive within us.”
- Believers have a living hope that gives us hope for living.
- The reason our hope is living is because Jesus Himself is living.

# Future inheritance reserved in heaven

- Inheritance (*klēronomia*) ~ a share or portion of property that has been set aside for the heir.
- Imperishable (*aphthartos*) ~ something that cannot be destroyed and will never pass away.
- Undefined (*amiantos*) ~ unstained, pure, and free from any type of defect or flaw.
- Will not fade away (*amarantos*) ~ something that does not wither, indicating a beauty that cannot diminish over time.
- “reserved in heaven for you” (*tēreō*) ~ being constantly watched or guarded.

# Preservation of believers

- Protected (*phroureō*) ~ a military term meaning to guard by a garrison of soldiers.
- Power (*dunamis*) ~ “inherent power residing in something by virtue of its nature.”
- “through faith” (*pistis*) ~ confidence or firm conviction of the truth of something, even when we cannot see it.
- Salvation (*sōtēria*) ~ preserving, saving, or rescuing.
- Revealed (*apokalyptō*) ~ “to uncover what has been veiled or hidden.”
- Ready (*hetoimos*) ~ “already prepared and waiting.”

## Rejoicing even in trials

- “great rejoicing” (*agalliaō*) ~ “to celebrate; to be exceedingly glad or overjoyed.”
- Distressed (*lupeō*) ~ “to experience pain of body or mind, that may include hurt, grief, sorrow, or sadness.”
- “for a little while” ~ This is an important reminder that when we face painful circumstances we can be confident they are only temporary.
- Trials (*peirasmos*) ~ “to test or examine” not for God’s benefit, but for ours; an opportunity to examine our faith responses.

## **Trials ~ opportunity to refine our faith**

- **Proof (*dokimion*) ~ the result of testing; we can see whether something is what it appears to be.**
- **When gold is heated to its melting point, the impurities form a layer on top of the molten gold where they can be poured off.**
- **Trials in a believer's life serve the same purpose. Affliction can strip away incorrect thoughts or beliefs that have no lasting value, leaving us with the rock-bottom foundation of what God's Word says is true.**
- **Result = praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**



# Believing in what is unseen

- Not seen ~ they had not seen Jesus during the specific time of His life and ministry in the past, and they were not actively seeing Him during their lifetime either.
- But they “love Him” (*agapaō*) ~ “to love, value, or treasure” and “believe in Him” (*pisteuō*) ~ to put one’s faith and trust in something, so that you come to rely completely upon the object of your faith.
- Result = great rejoicing (*agalliaō*) which is “inexpressible and full of glory.” Joy so glorious that it is almost impossible to put into words.

# The salvation of your soul

- Obtaining (*komizō*) ~ better translated as *receiving* ~ “to receive a blessing that was promised.”
- This blessing consists of all that Peter has been talking about in this section.
- Outcome (*telos*) ~ the ultimate goal, aim, or end result of our faith.
- “the salvation of your souls” (*psuchē*) ~ the capacity of the whole person to experience all of life, including what God has accomplished for our salvation in the past, as well as everything He is doing for us in the present, and all that will be ours in the future.
- This redefines and expands what we normally think of as salvation.