

**Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"
"How Great A Salvation"
1 Peter 1:10-12
Study-3**

NT Declares The Means Of Salvation – Ephesians 2:8-9.

OT Declares The Means Of Salvation – Genesis 15:6.

OT & NT Are Consistent In The Means Of Salvation, "Messenger May Change But The Message Remains The Same."

Acts 4:12

1 Peter 1:1-2:10 – God's Grace and Salvation.

1 Peter 1:1-2 – Believers Were Chosen By God.

1 Peter 1:3-5 – Believers Are Born And Kept By God.

1 Peter 1:6-7 – Believers Are In Preparation For The Future Glory.

1 Peter 1:8-9 – Believers Can Enjoy The Future Glory Now.

Hebrews 2:3

Thought Of Our Passage: "Salvation Was Predicted By The Prophets, Proclaimed By The Apostles And Prized By The Angels."

1. Verses 10-12 – Predicted By The Prophets

2. Verse 12 – Proclaimed By The Apostles

3. Verse 12 – Prized By The Angels

1. Verses 10-12 – Predicted By The Prophets:

1 Peter 1:10

"As to this salvation," – Peter began to speak about the believer's Salvation, 1 Peter 1:2-3; 1 Peter 1:8-9.

Salvation Through Grace Was The Theme Of The Prophets: "this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you"

When we have no Christ, we have no message! When we have no Spirit, we have no power!

"the prophets" – "to proclaim, to say;" "who prophesied" – "to foretell events, divine, speak under inspiration," 2 Peter 1:20-21.

Revelation: From God to man (man hears that which God wants written).

Inspiration: From man to paper (man writes that which God wants written).

Illumination: From paper to heart (man receives the light of that which God has written).

Their Prophecies Dealt With The Coming Grace: "who prophesied of the grace" – "grace" is found 10X in 1 Peter.

"grace" – "a gift of grace, bestowal of favor, the grace shown in the giving of the blessings of the gospel."

"that would come to you" – 1 Peter 1:12.

The Prophets Diligently Studied Salvation: "made careful searches" – "searching diligently" – "and inquiries,"

1 Peter 1:11 – "seeking to know" – "searching;" These words imply intensity and were used of "a miner digging for gold or of a dog sniffing out something with his nose."

Example of this is in Daniel 9:2.

Hebrews 11:6

"what person or time" – They tried to figure out who the Christ was and when He would come, 1 Peter 1:11.

Numbers 24:17

There are over 300 specific predictions about the coming of Christ in the Old Testament:

1. That He would be born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14.
2. That He would be born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2.
3. That He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey – Zechariah 9:9.
4. That He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver – Zechariah 11:12.
5. That He would be wounded and bruised – Isaiah 53:5.

6. That His hands and feet would be pierced – Psalm 22:16.
7. That He would be crucified with thieves – Isaiah 53:12.
8. That His garments would be torn apart and lots cast for them – Psalm 22:18.
9. That His side would be pierced – Zechariah 12:10.
10. That He would rise from the dead – Psalm 16:10.

In Romans 9-11, Paul quotes more than 20 Old Testament passages from at least 9 Old Testament books.

“the Spirit of Christ” – or “Messiah Spirit;” the natural Christian name for the “Holy Spirit” which believers had experienced as followers of Christ, Revelation 19:10.

Instruments Of The Holy Spirit Predicted The Suffering And Glories Of Christ: “within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.”

Christ Would Suffer First And Glory Would Follow: “the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.”

A 1000 years before the coming of Jesus, David describes the suffering of Jesus Christ, Psalm 22:1-2.

Psalm 22:6-8; Psalm 22:14-19

“and the glories to follow.” – “The Christ of Glory is the Christ of the Cross.” Our own lives must follow His sequence of the cross.

Psalm 16:8-11

Peter, on the day of Pentecost, in his sermon, quotes these same verses, Acts 2:29-31.

“sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.” – When Jesus came to earth, the Jewish teachers were awaiting a conquering Messiah.

Even His own disciples were not clear about the need for His death on the cross, Matthew 16:13-28.

Luke 18:31-33; Luke 24:25-27

Disciples were still inquiring about the Jewish kingdom even after His resurrection, Acts 1:1-8.

Paul summarizes suffering and exaltation, Philippians 2:8-11.

1 Peter 1:12

Prophets Knew Their Prophecies Were For Future Generations: "It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you," – This would mean "Peter's Readers, and literally for us too."

God told the prophets that they were ministering for a future generation. Between the suffering of Messiah and His return in glory comes what we call "The Church Age." The truth about the church was a hidden "mystery" in the Old Testament period, Ephesians 3:1-13.

Matthew 13:16-17

Proverbs 13:22

2. Verse 12 – Proclaimed By The Apostles:

1 Peter 1:12

The Apostles Preached The Gospel: "in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you"

"in these things" – Salvation Through Grace Was The Theme Of The Prophets, and the same theme of the Apostles.

Apostles Preached Through The Power Of The Holy Spirit: "by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—" – this word "by" means "in the power of the Holy Spirit."

"sent from heaven—" – This is speaking of the event of Pentecost Peter preached in Acts 2.

Acts 1:8

Hebrews 2:4

When the gospel is preached and the Holy Spirit empowers, incredible things happen, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

3. Verse 12 – Prized By The Angels: “things into which angels long to look.”

Salvation Is So Great That It Was The Object Of Angelic Inquiry: “angels long to look.” – Literally, “to stoop to look into.” It means, “to long after, to have a passionate or intense desire.” This word is in the present tense, meaning that the angels are continuously watching and inspecting.

1 Corinthians 4:9

Ephesians 3:10

Angels Sang At Creation: When God created the world, we know from Job 38:7.

Angels Announce The Birth Of Jesus To Shepherds: Luke 2:13-14.

Angels burst out into praise around the throne: Revelation 5:11-12.

Angels throw a party when someone becomes a new creation: Luke 15:10.

Application:

1. The Prophets Predicted And The Apostles Proclaimed And The Angels Prize Salvation; How Could We Be Bored By It? Colossians 3:23-24
2. Am I Truly Saved? Romans 8:16
3. We Should Confess Any Spiritual Boredom: 1 John 1:9.
4. Ask God To Restore To Me The Joy Of My Salvation: David wrote these words in Psalm 51:12 – “Restore to me the joy of Your salvation”