



HOPE

A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Session Two – OUTWORKING OF THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL

The Salvation

The Apostle Peter wrote to his audience (and us) about the salvation of the soul. Peter explained that we were given by God a new birth, but that is not end. It is a beginning with a view to an inheritance reserved in heaven for us. We choose how to invest our lives –in the things of God or in the transient things of the world. When the Lord returns, how we invested our lives will determine our share in the inheritance, and in this way our soul (or soul-life) will be delivered into eternity.

Serious Business

The first lesson covered the prologue in vv. 1:3-9. Now, Peter begins dealing with the implications of the salvation of our souls. That our lives now determine what will happen when we stand at the bema and how our investment will be exchanged for our inheritance makes life serious business. It matters how we think, how we live in relation to God, how we live in relation to others, and even how we live in relation to the world.

Studying 1 Peter 1:10-25

a. The Privilege of This Salvation (1:10-12)

- This salvation was witnessed by the prophets
- The prophets saw the pieces but not the whole
- This salvation is being witnessed by the angels

b. The Outworking of This Salvation (1:13-25)

- In relation to how we think (1:13)
 - be prepared
 - be **sober**
 - focus our hope on the grace to be revealed
- In relation to how we live (1:14-16)
 - how we think **controls** how we live
 - do not fall back on bad thinking
 - the standard is God's **holiness**
 - Other helpful verses: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:14; Luke 12:32-37; Romans 8:5-6; Colossians 3:1-11
- In relation to our attitude toward God (1:17-21)
 - we are **temporary** residents here
 - should live our mortal lives in **fear**
 - a high price was paid for our redemption
- In relation to other believers (1:22-25)
 - love the brethren **fervently**
 - an unfeigned (sincere) love
 - the new birth came by the enduring word and in like manner our love should endure