

### **God's Promises of Hope are Fulfilled in Christ (1 Peter 1:10-12)**

- In vs. 6-9 Peter assures persecuted believers of their hope in Christ through trials
  - 1) Our hope in Christ points us beyond our trials
  - 2) Our hope in Christ is strengthened through the trials we endure
  - 3) At Jesus' return He will bring an end to suffering as well as Reward & Blessing.
  - 4) We will also Receive Glory As We Share in Christ's Glory
- Suffering now, glories to follow. We face suffering, now, but glory will follow
- Now He would have us remember the Christ of glory is the Christ of the Cross

#### **I. The Old Testament Prophets and Our Salvation (10-12a)**

- Christ's suffering was predicted throughout the Old Testaments
- After Peter's confession, Jesus plainly predicted His betrayal, suffering & death
- Peter learned, Christ's suffering & glory fulfilled the Scripture in His resurrection
- Glory is the goal of the Old Testament promises. The cross, grave, resurrection
- Suffering precedes glory: the precious blood of the Lamb opens glory for believers
- Our suffering is not a sign that Christ has betrayed us, or that He is no longer Lord
- Rather it is a sign of our fellowship with the risen Lord who first suffered for us
- Christ is the end of prophecy, the goal of history. His is the suffering that brought salvation; His is the glory that brings the new creation.
- Christ is the end of prophecy, goal of history, one who speaks through prophets
- The same Spirit of Christ, sent from His ascended glory, now fills the apostles who preach the prophecies come true (v12).
- One Lord through the ages, one great plan of salvation, one revealed message...  
...heralded by the prophets of old & now the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- Peter is pointing out that his hearers are heirs of the full message of the prophets
- The least disciple of Christ is in a better position to understand Old Testament revelation than the greatest prophet before Christ came.

#### **II. The Angels and Our Salvation (vs.12b)**

- Indeed, suffering Christians have the advantage not only over the prophets
- The very angels of heaven peer into - mysteries of salvation that are revealed by the Spirit to those who are redeemed by Jesus Christ (1 Cor 4: 19)