**I Peter 1:10-12**

***“Have You Lost The Wonder?”***

Introduction

1. Have you been taking your salvation for granted? Have you lost the wonder?

2. I Peter 1:10-12 Christianity is not just one of the great religions of the world.

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**I. OUR SALVATION AND ITS PROPHECIES 1:10-11**

 ***A. The Substance of These Prophecies***

**1.**  *Of which salvation*

 \*It is the ‘salvation’…deliverance of v. 9.

 \**Salvation* has three aspects:

 \*We are saved or delivered from the Penalty of Sin.

 \*We are being saved or delivered from the Power of Sin.

 \*We will be saved or delivered from the Presence of Sin.

 **2.** *Of the grace that should come to you*

Our salvation from beginning to end is His grace!

 \**Grace* is God giving us what we do not deserve. It is unmerited favor.

 ++*Eph. 2:8, 9 For by grace we are saved…not of works.*

++God’s gracious rule in relation to man’s redemption. Everything from

 here to glory is God’s grace. Jesus Christ is God’s ultimate grace.

 \**Come to you*

 ++That which all of the prophets would have given anything to see is ours!

 ++Come in a Proclamation…Come as a Possession…Come in a Person.

 **3**. *Testified beforehand...sufferings and glories to follow*

 *Sufferings and glories* are both plural. *He is despised and rejected of men, a*

 *man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from*

 *him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. (Is. 53:3)*

 *\*Sufferings…*the plural stresses the magnitude and variety of pain and sorrow

 Jesus endured. He was hated by His own people. He was betrayed by friends,

 forsaken by His followers. He was scourged, a spear placed in His side. He

 was crucified!

 \**Glories…*We see this at the Transfiguration. (He glowed…*This is my beloved*

 *Son, hear Him*.) The glories of His resurrection cannot be denied. Then the

 glories of the Ascension when the skies opened are evident. This same Jesus

 will come again!

***B. The Search Into These Prophecies***

**1. Intensity** *Prophets have inquired and searched diligently.***v. 10**

 *\*Have Inquired…*Prophets wrote of this *great salvation.* They did not

 understand. They asked around.

 \**They searched carefully…*They didn’t always understand, but they didn’t

 merely shrug their shoulders. They searched carefully and diligently. They

 took their task seriously: their words concerning the salvation of mankind.

 About this salvation they wished to know as much as possible.

 **2. Inquiry v. 11**

*What time or what kind of time…what person or what kind of person.*

 *\**The prophets knew the Messiah would be coming. They had no knowledge

 when He would appear or the circumstance of His appearance.

 **\***The time for His return a 2nd time is unknown (II Tim 3:1ff).

 \*The motivating force was not the human will (II Pt. 1:21).

 ***C. The Source Of These Prophecies***

 *The Spirit of Christ that was in them did signify.*

1. The Old Testament is a God-breathed book…*by the Spirit!*
2. The Holy Spirit predicted what Christ had to experience. Ray Vanderlaan says that everything that Jesus did was in some way a fulfillment of Old Testament scripture. That’s why in the New Testament we read so often, *that Scripture might be fulfilled.* Centuries before they occurred God had spoken. Peter believed in the inerrancy of Scripture!

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**II. OUR SALVATION AND ITS PRECIOUSNESS 1:12**

1. ***The Personnel of Our Salvation***

*It was revealed not unto them, but unto us*

1. *Revealed…*unmasked…like at Halloween.
2. *To us…*Information that was going to bring great joy to future generations. The *sufferings and glories* are powerful and personal to you and me.
3. ***The Proclamation of Our Salvation***
4. *Reported…Preached these things* are the *sufferings, the glories, the Gospel. Which now have been announced to you through those who preached the Gospel to you. (NASV)*

*\*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How, then shall they call on Him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (Rom. 10:13, 14)*

 **2.** *How can they hear without a preacher?* Even though God has done so

 much, we have an obligation.

1. ***The Power of Our Salvation***

*Unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven…*

1. This message of salvation has come to humanity through men under the power of the Holy Spirit whose origin is heaven.
2. Their message (the apostles) was not the word of man, but the word of God.
3. *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him, God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? (Heb. 2:3, 4)*
4. Today the Holy Spirit takes words and actions and translates them into convincing, convicting and the converting of men and women.
5. ***The Perception of Our Salvation***

*Which things the angels desire to look into…*

1. Even angels long to look into these things.
2. They had a willingness to exert or inconvenience oneself to obtain a better perspective…so it was with the angels!
3. Angels can never participate; they can only watch. *So great salvation* is for you and me!

***Salvation is supernatural!***

***Salvation is God given from beginning to end and it became mine by faith!!***

**Have you received this Good News? Do you know Jesus Christ?**

**Are you willing to surrender to Him?**

**Only then will this *salvation* be yours!**