

**"The Lord's Encouragement to ALL Believers"**

**Part 2**

**1 Peter 1:1-2:10**

**Introduction:** In our study of 1 Peter, we are currently looking at the encouragement which Peter gave to the scattered believers who received this letter. They were facing persecution in the Roman Empire and they needed encouragement. God, therefore, inspired Peter to write this letter to give them the comfort and encouragement they needed. This brings to my mind a couple of thoughts for our lives.

**1. Our God is the God of ALL comfort.**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;*

<sup>4</sup> *Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*

<sup>5</sup> *For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.*

**2. Our God is the God of TRUE hope.**

**Romans 15:13**

<sup>13</sup> Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

As Peter writes in this first chapter and even through chapter two and verse ten, he is reminding these believers of their salvation. Last week we looked at what Peter wrote concerning their eternal inheritance.

**Notice 1 Peter 1:4**

Peter did not have the words to describe the believer's inheritance, so he tells us with four statements, three of the statements are negative terms to show us what it is NOT and then with one positive term he tells us how it is secured for us.

**1. Our inheritance is incorruptible.**

This means that our inheritance is imperishable. There is nothing that can corrupt, ruin, or dissolve our eternal inheritance.

**2. Our inheritance is undefiled.**

This means that our inheritance will be pure.

**3. Our inheritance will never fade away.**

This means that the believer's inheritance will never grow old. It will always be fresh and new.

**4. It is reserved in heaven.**

The word "reserved" means "to be guarded".

Now, at the end of verse for he tells these believers it is reserved in heaven for "YOU". Then as he moves to the next though he will now talk about the security of the believer.

➤ **The Believer's Security**

**Notice 1 Peter 1:5**

This verse points to the believers whom Peter mentioned at the end of verse 4. The word "kept" here in this verse means "to be guarded or protected by a military". Let us look at this verse in small sections.

**1. The souls protected.**

**"Who are kept"**

The souls who are protected here are the believers whom Peter is writing to. The ones who are the elect, the ones who have been born again, the ones who have been washed in the blood, and the ones who have been set apart by the Holy Spirit unto obedience, These are the TRUE believers. He is not telling us that it is church members, or those who have been baptized, or those who have been confirmed and not those who are religious.

The souls that are KEPT by God are the souls who have placed their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ ALONE. They have repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus Christ as their Substitute.

**2. The steadfastness of the protection.**

**"Kept"**

The word "KEPT" in this verse is in the present tense which means we "ARE BEING KEPT". Once we are saved our salvation status never changes.

**Romans 3:24-28**

**<sup>24</sup> Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

<sup>25</sup> Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

<sup>26</sup> To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

The word "justified" is a legal term and it means "to declare righteous". It is a one-time action. When we were saved, we were "declared righteous" by God Himself and this can never be reversed.

### 3. The power in the protection.

#### "Kept by the power of God"

We are kept by the "POWER OF GOD". In order for you and me to lose our salvation would mean that someone would need to overpower God Himself and this will never happen.

#### John 10:27-30

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

<sup>28</sup> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

<sup>29</sup> My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup> I and my Father are one.

For anyone to launch an attack upon our souls would mean that individual would need to overpower God.

#### Romans 8:31-34

<sup>31</sup> What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

<sup>32</sup> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

<sup>33</sup> Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

<sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

We are therefore secured by the power of Almighty God.

#### 4. The securing of our protection.

##### **"Through faith"**

This protection was secured to us when we exercised our faith in Jesus Christ. We were saved by grace through faith, and we are kept saved by grace. Since we were not saved by works, we are then NOT kept saved by works.

#### **Galatians 3:1-3**

*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?*

<sup>2</sup> This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

<sup>3</sup> Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

People who are not saved have no understanding of this security. It is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ. It is only possible when a person sees their hopelessness and helplessness and turns to Jesus Christ and believes that He took their place in suffering to pay for their sins. This security is not attainable by works, baptism, religion, or church membership. Peter is very clear in this verse security comes through saving faith.

#### 5. The salvation in the protection.

##### **"Unto salvation"**

This speaks of the "perfecting" of our salvation or the "completion" of our salvation.

#### **Philippians 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

From the moment of salvation, we can be sure that we will reach the completion of our salvation which is glorification.

**Romans 8:28-30**

*28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

*29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

Here in Romans 8:30 we see that God speaks of our glorification as though it is already complete. The word "GLORIFIED" is in the past tense. That is because it is so sure that nothing can stop our glorification from being completed. We are kept by the power of God UNTO SALVATION.

I want to take a few minutes and use a few verses to help us to see this Truth from a different angle. In Romans 15 we have been looking at Paul's desire to take a contribution to the saints at Jerusalem who were suffering in poverty.

**Romans 15:25-28**

*25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.*

*26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.*

*27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.*

*28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.*

I want to draw your attention to verse 28. Paul told the Romans after he had performed his mission and SEALED to them the fruit, he would then come to visit them.

When he uses the word "sealed" he is stating that he will do everything in his power to make sure the offering would be received by them. He would not rest until he successfully and safely delivered the offering to those at Jerusalem. The gift had already been

gathered but it needed to be delivered and so Paul was determined to "SEAL" it to their possession. Now let me show you where the word "sealed" is used in other verses.

**Ephesians 1:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*

<sup>14</sup> *Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

**Ephesians 4:30**

<sup>30</sup> *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

One of the meanings of being sealed with the Spirit is the same as Paul wanting to "seal" the fruit collected to the final destination. In the same way the SEAL OF THE SPIRIT is an eternal guarantee that we will reach our final destination which is the third heaven where we will receive our glorification.

**6. The revealing in the protection.**

*"ready to be revealed in the last time".*

As we go through life here on this earth, we are veiled in the sense that the world does not know who we are. We are children of royalty because we belong to the family of God. Paul tells us in Romans 8 that even the earth groans for the day when we shall be unveiled.

**Romans 8:**

<sup>18</sup> *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

<sup>19</sup> *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

<sup>20</sup> *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

<sup>21</sup> *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

<sup>22</sup> *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

When we are unveiled it will be then that the creation will be free from the curse. This will happen at the end of the Tribulation.

**Revelation 19:11-14**

*<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

*<sup>12</sup> His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

*<sup>13</sup> And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

*<sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

Here is when we are revealed to the earthlings. We are the armies in heaven traveling with Jesus Christ when He returns. This is when the world will know who we are. It will be shortly after this that Jesus will set up His Kingdom and the earth will be freed from the curse.

**Conclusion:**

There are many things in life that are NOT secure, but our salvation is secure. It is the most secure thing which we possess. We are kept by the Almighty power of God and there is no power greater. Therefore, we can be sure, based upon God faithfulness, that we shall reach the completion of our salvation.