

Salvation: Its Great Blessings, Source & Acknowledgements (1 Peter 1:3-5)

- Peter speaks of the great blessing God has lavished upon us by saving us from sin
- # 1. Blessing – Divine Sonship: in our position & our character; we are his children
- # 2. Blessing- a living hope & inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade
- # 3. Blessing- saved & kept because God's sovereign purpose in our lives
- All these blessings rest on Jesus' finished work, particularly His resurrection.
- Peter stresses the source of these blessings & how we must acknowledge God

I. God is the Author of These Blessings

- God has caused us to be born again
- God has given us an inheritance
- God has given us a living hope
- God is the author of all good

II. God Bestows These “Blessings” As God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

- God appointed His Son to be the representative of those whom He desired to save
- Christ subordinates Himself to the Father in this economy of salvation (Col 1:18)
- It is as well pleased with Him, that God is well pleased with us

III. These “Blessings” Originate in the Abundant Mercies of God

- God saved man solely because He had delight in man to save him
- God chose a multitude from every tribe & nation to display His mercy (Rev 7:9)
- God did it through Jesus: took on flesh, suffered, died & raised for us (1 Jn 4:10)

IV. These “Blessings” are Limitless in Scope & Incalculable in Value

- There are no bounds to what God has prepared for those whom God loves
- Only appropriate response to these inestimable blessings is thankfulness & praise
- These blessings cannot spoil, perish or fade: they are eternal-they are God Himself
- They are limitless, without height, depth, length & breadth & surpass knowledge

V. Bless & Acknowledge the Bounteous & Benevolent God Who Gave Them

- When God blesses men, He confers on them blessing, He makes them blessed
- When men bless God, they declare He is infinitely blessed & excellent in Himself
- One of the reasons why we have been born again is to bless & praise our God
- 1 Peter 2:9 that we exist to proclaim the excellencies of Him who saved you.
- Psalm 103, 104; Romans 12: 1-2; Hebrew 13:15; Revelation 5:13