

## **“1<sup>st</sup> Peter #2”**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-9 (Born Again to a Living Hope)

Review: Remember Peter is writing to a persecuted Church.

### 1 Peter 4:12-14 (NKJV)

*“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing has happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ sufferings... v14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rest upon you...”*

Peter begins his letter:

- *“To the Pilgrims (Sojourners) of the dispersion...”* Sojourners: temporary residence.
- *“**Elect** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father.”* (*elect exiles – chosen*)
- God has taken us out of this world and translated us into His Kingdom!
- How... *“**by sanctification** of the Spirit, **for obedience**”* - *“The act of being made holy. It isn’t a one-time event; it’s an ongoing experience of Gods’ grace.”*
- How... *by the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 12:22-24... ESV *“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly (Church) of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, **and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant**, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”*

- Ends V2... *“Grace to you and peace be multiplied to you...”*

TEXT:1<sup>ST</sup> Peter 1: 3-9 (Read)

- V3, here the NKJV says: *“...according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope...”*
- ESV & NASB: *“...according to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope...”*
- How... *“Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”*

**Ephesians 1: 3** *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places with Christ.”*

**Titus 3: 5** *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saves us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.”*

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter: 1: 22 -23...** (Read)

- So: V3 of our text ends with a coma... why? Because V4 is a continuation of the same thought...

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1: 4** (Read)

- ESV... We are born again, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Fathers great mercy... to an inheritance, imperishable, undefiled and unfading. *“Kept in heaven for you...”* (NKVB) *“Reserved in heaven for you”*

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1: 5** (Read) Again V4 ends with a comma... V5 is a continuation of the same thought.

- Not only are we saved by the resurrection of Christ and have a reservation, kept in heaven for us...
- We are also kept by the power of God, through faith. *Here on earth!*

Philippians 4:7 *"The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (NKJV)"*

ESV... V5Text *"Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."*

NASB...V5 *"Who are protected by the power of God through faith..."*

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> Peter 1:6 -7 (Read)

- Though we experience and are grieved or (Lit.) distressed by various trials.
- We rejoice in our salvation, and our faith, though it's tested by fire... it will be found to result in praise, glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- Oh, happy day!

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:8-9 (Read)

ESV... *"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."*

#### Isaiah 12: 1-6 (ESV)

*"You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."*