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## 1 Peter 1: 10

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,

They were God's Old Testament spokesmen who prophesied to the children of Israel to repent and of the grace that would come.

#### The value of the O.T. Prophets to our Faith

- The prophets were men who were called and chosen by God to do the following:
- A. To *proclaim* God's salvation to man (God's mouthpiece).
- B. To prophesy and predict how God was going to save man.
- C. The prophets had to proclaim salvation (repent from their sins) to the people of their own generation and to predict how God was going to save the people of all generations.

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## Salvation – God's gift to mankind

## **<u>Grace</u>** – God's mercy and love to all men

A. A means that God provided to us to be made perfect

B. A way for us to be saved – Eternal Life

1. About what did the prophets speak and for what did they search? (1:10) Rom. 3: 23-24

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Titus 2: 11

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

1. About what did the prophets speak and for what did they search? (1:10) **Titus 3: 5-7** 

5 He <u>saved us</u>, <u>not on the basis of deeds which we have</u> done in righteousness, but <u>according to His mercy</u>, <u>by the</u> washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that **being justified by His grace** we would be made **heirs according to the hope of eternal life**.

#### The value of the O.T. Prophets to our Faith

- The inquisitive Prophets
- **A.** They pursued the meaning of their own prophetic writings to know all they could about God's promised salvation.

#### Isaiah 53: 6-10

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all. To fall on Him. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? 9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. 10 But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

## The inquisitive Prophets

**B.** The prophets sought to understand God's **grace** and **mercy in Christ**, His forgiveness, goodness, unmerited favor, and blessing lavished on undeserving sinners.

**C.** They knew that God's promise of a salvation by **the grace that would come** extended far beyond **Israel** to include **people from every nation on earth**.

## The inquisitive Prophets

Matt. 13:17

17 "For truly I say to you that <u>many prophets</u> and righteous men desired to see what you see, and <u>did not see *it*</u>, and <u>to hear what you</u> hear, and <u>did not hear *it*</u>.

- 2. What did the Spirit of Christ predict? (<u>1:11</u>)**1 Peter 1: 11**
- 11 seeking to know what person or time the
- Spirit of Christ within them was indicating
- as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.
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3. Whom did Peter say these prophets were serving? (<u>1:12</u>) The ministering Prophets

1 Peter 3: 12. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look. 12

#### 3. Whom did Peter say these prophets were serving? (1:12) Angels **Prophets** Holy Spirit Were Searching Sharing the Gospel Watching The suffering Messiah (Jesus Christ)

provided salvation for man.

#### **The Ministering Ptophets**

No matter how difficult life trails are, Christians can face them triumphantly because:

1. The greatness of God's grace and mercy in giving them salvation.

2. The prophets shared this message of salvation with them.

- 3. The Holy Spirit inspired them.
- 4. The apostles preached the Gospel.

5. Christians share the message of the Gospel. 15

#### 4. What bold challenge did Peter give his readers? (1:13) Call to Holiness

1 Peter 1: 13. 13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- 1. Prepare your minds for action
- 2. Keep Sober in Spirit

3. Fix your <u>hope</u> completely on the <u>grace</u> to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 6

#### **The Christian Character**

Prepare your minds for action – Be diligent

**<u>Be Sober</u>** – Be calm having a quiet dignity

Hope – Patiently trust God during trails

The motivator for honing our Christian character -

The grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### **The Christian Character**

In **hope** they look forward to that day when Christ will return for His people and then to reward and glorify them.

2 Tim 4: 8. 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

5. What pressure must we resist conforming to? (1:14)

- **1 Peter 1: 14.** 14 As <u>obedient children</u>, <u>do not</u> <u>be conformed to the former lusts</u> which were yours in your ignorance,
- Former lusts The **lusts** that characterized that former life include sinful desires and thoughts, evil longings, uncontrolled appetites, sensual impulses, and all other unrighteous motivations

6. What does God challenge us to be? Why? (1:15-16)
1 Peter 1: 15-16. 15 but like the Holy One who called you, <u>be</u> holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, <u>"You shall be holy, for I am holy."</u>

## **Be Holy**

God (Holy One) is the model we must follow as a pattern in our Christian walk of life. It includes not only in believing and thinking about God's Word, but also actively practicing the things we glean from the Word of God.

## The end result is Eternal Life

7. Why did Peter tell these believers to live as strangers "in reverent fear"? (1:17)

1 Peter 1: 17. 17 If <u>you address as Father the</u> <u>One</u> who impartially judges according to each <u>one's work</u>, <u>conduct yourselves in fear</u> <u>during the time of your stay on earth;</u>

- A. You call God Father
- **B.** God will judge the world

**C**. Give God your love, respect, honor, reverence and glory because you temporarily dwell on earth.

7. Why did Peter tell these believers to live as strangers "in reverent fear"? (<u>1:1</u> **1 Thess. 2: 10-12** 

10 You are witnesses, and *so is* God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;

11 just as you know how we *were* exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father *would* his own children,

12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that ?

8. With what are believers redeemed from their sins? (1:18-19)

1 Peter 1: 18-19. 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver

or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 <u>but with precious</u> <u>blood, as of a lamb unblemished and</u> <u>spotless, *the blood* of Christ.</u>

# **The Blood of Christ**

9. When was Christ chosen and revealed? Why? (1:20) 1 Peter 1: 20. 20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

**A.** God's plan of Salvation existed before the foundation of the world.

**B.** It is for our sake.

## 1 Peter 1: 18 - 20

A. We need to be redeemed, to be set free from the empty life that we have been taught to live by our forefathers.

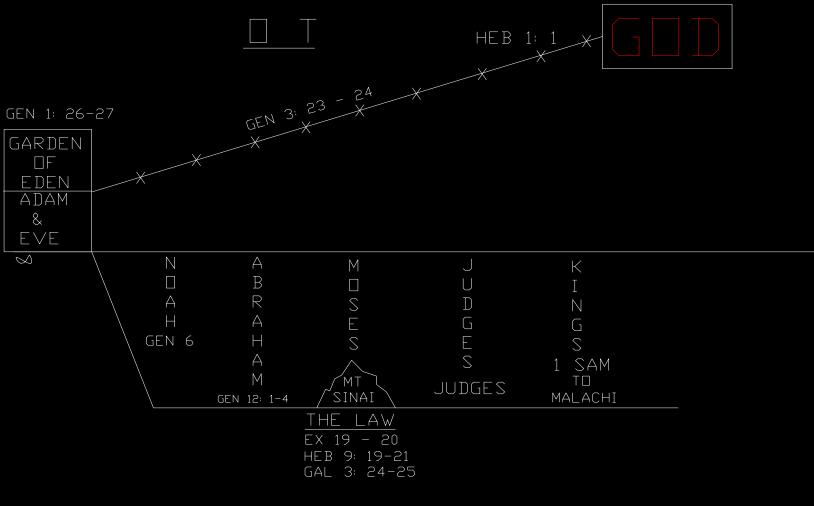
- B. We are freely redeemed: redemption does not cost us a penny. We are not redeemed by silver and gold.
- C. We are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.
- D. God's plan of Salvation existed before the foundation of the world.
- E. Time is short.
- F. It is for our sake.

10. What did these readers believe? (1:21) 1 Peter 1: 21. 21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

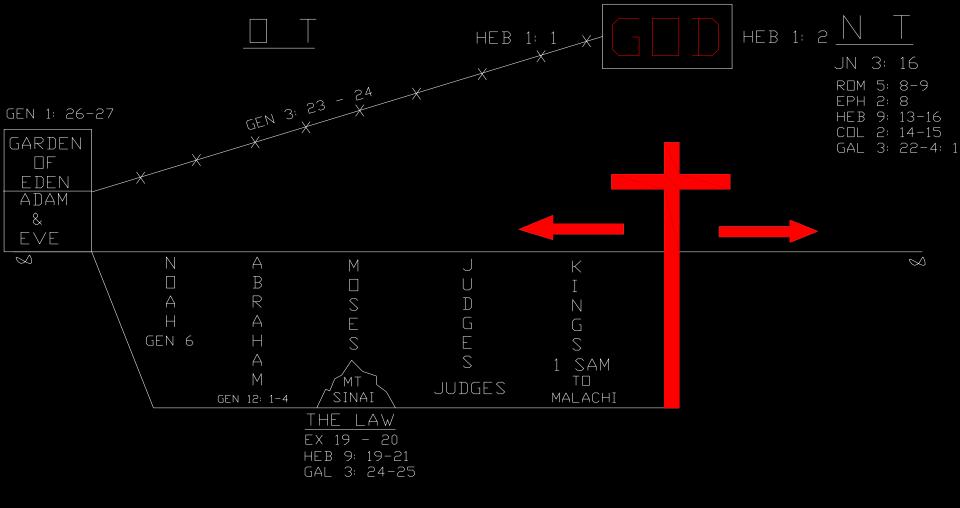
- **A.** Our faith and hope are in God.
- B. Jesus died for our sins
- C. Jesus was buried
- D. God raised Jesus from the dead
- E. God gave Jesus the glory

10. What did these readers believe? (1:21) Psalm 110: 1 - 2

- **1** The Lord says to my Lord:
- "Sit at My right hand
- Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."
- 2 The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying,
- "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."



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11. How had these Christians purified themselves and what did Peter urge his readers to do? (1:22)

## 1 Peter 1: 22. 22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

- **A.** Obey the truth.
- **B.** Sincerely love the brethren from the heart.

12. How had these believers been born again? (1:23) 1 Peter 1: 23. 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

Through the living and enduring Word of God.

13. What last forever? 1 Peter 1:24-25 <sup>24</sup> For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, <sup>25</sup> BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD **ENDURES FOREVER.**" And this is the word which was preached to you. 32

#### A. You have purified your souls

B. You are born again through the Word of God

### 1 Peter 1: 22 - 25

By obeying the truth and a sincere love of the brethren

The Word is imperishable Living and enduring forever

C. Your flesh withers and falls away

The Word and the Christians who believe the Word – endures forever

## The Call to Holiness 1 Peter 1: 13-25

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- B. Trust God, Be obedient and holy
- C. Be obedient children of God
- D. Reverence God (Respect, Honor, Love and Glory)
- E. Love One Another
- F. Honor the cost of our redemption