

# Sermon Notes

"So Great a Salvation"

1 Peter 1:2-12

September 20, 2015

9. What did the Old Testament prophets and the angels long to understand before Christ came (1:10-12)? Why do you think hearing about the longings of the prophets and angels would have encouraged Peter's readers?

10. Review what you learned from 1:2-12 about God and your relationship with him. Why is it important to review this when in the midst of persecution?

## Introduction:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ by the predetermined will of God (1:2-3).

2. \_\_\_\_\_ by the power of God (1:4-5).

3. \_\_\_\_\_ by the trials of persecution (1:6-9).

## Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

*Lonnie and Debbie Smith - Marseille, France*

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on believers and that God would pierce the darkness in Marseille, France.

Peter urges us to praise God (1:3) for our great salvation. Rehearse in prayer those aspects of God's saving work for which you wish to praise him.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ by the prophets of God (1:10-12).

**Conclusion:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 9-20-15

Questions adapted from 1 Peter: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1986, pp. 23-33; Warren W. Wiersbe, Be Hopeful, Victor Books, Wheaton, IL, 1982, p. 145; John MacArthur, 1 & 2 Peter: Courage in Times of Trouble, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN, 2007, pp. 5-12.

**Getting Started:**

1. As children, we eagerly anticipated holidays or special events. Peter opens his letter with a reminder of what we can look forward to – a glorious future in heaven. Do you eagerly anticipate heaven? Why or why not?

**Digging Deeper:**

2. Read 1 Peter 1:2-12. What part does each member of the Trinity play in our salvation?

3. Praise is making statements about who someone is and what he has done in order to honor him. List the character traits and actions for which Peter praised God in 1:3-5.

4. Peter said that Christians have been given “new birth into a living hope” (1:3). What do you learn from the following cross-references about that new birth?

John 1:12-13

John 3:3-6

Galatians 4:4-7

5. Take time to reflect on your new birth into a living hope. What does this imply for your approach to life?

6. Peter uses three words in 1:4 to contrast our inheritance with all other goals, desires, or treasures. Think about what you desire or treasure. Which of those things will “perish, spoil, or fade”?

7. What insights into “trials” does Peter give his readers in this passage (1:6-9)? What purpose do they serve?

8. Think of some challenge you are facing. Specifically how do 1:6-9 apply to this stressful situation?