

GRACE BRINGS SECURITY, 1 Peter 1:1-9

Author: Peter. Date: 63-64 from Rome. Theme: True grace of God, 5:12. Readers: Sojourners of the dispersion, 1:1. Xns who like Is were scattered thru world, tho mostly Gentiles, 2:9-10; 4:3-4.

I. Reasons why our salvation (we) are secure, 1:2-5

1. Bec we are our **Father's chosen people**, 1-2. Chosen=elect. Initiation of our election. God choosing us in keeping with His foreknowledge=1:20 (He had regard for us (more than passive foresight)). The method of our election-setting apart of HS, 2 Thess 2:13=initial regeneration and continuing setting us apart. Purpose of choosing-*or Rom 8:7* obed (upoakouo) to our Lord. The personalizing of election-thru being personally sprinkled with blood of X, *the relationship* trusting His death. *intensity*

2. Bec we have a **living hope**, 3-4. Cause of it-His abundant mercy=Eph 2:4 rich in mercy which caused us to be anagennao. Only here and 1:23. Not same as Jn which is another.

Character of it-living. Living hope based on living Savior. If He could die again we would have no hope. So our 2nd birth into family of God is secure as long as He is alive. Hope not uncertain or wishful thinking but sure. So also is our position in the family.

3. We have an **inheritance which is eternal life**. *τηρῶν* Not kept in bank which might fail. Nor in an estate which might be devastated with taxes and expenses. But in heaven. In OT inheritance used of Is's possession of land. 3 negatives-cannot perish (can't be ravished by enemies (as Is's was), esp Satan), *every day attacking us.* cannot spoil by being polluted (as Is's was by heathen defilements), cannot fade away, but retaining forever the bloom and fragrance of our sal's joys. Having been kept (pf) in heavens for us. Since this inheritance=possession=sal is a living hope we can now here on earth live in victory over enemies, over moral pollution, over deterioration, always having a victorious, pure, and fresh experience of our sal.

4. We have **protection** for our hope, 5. Military term=Phil 4:7. The unlimited power of God is like a city in which we are kept safe and/or the garrison by which we are kept safe. *Enjoying* Experiencing His keeping power is thru (not bec of) faith. 2 Tim 2:13. Ultimately we shall experience all in heaven. Illus. frying pan protecting fragile egg.

II. Some results of having a secure salvation, 1:6-9

1. We can rejoice even in trials, 6. Rejoice=exult, be overjoyful. Stronger than chair. Not when can look back on trials but in midst of, knowing that nothing Satan or polluted world can throw at us can undo or take away our sal inheritance. Various kinds of external trials like persecution, ridiclue of world, not normal problems of life=Jas 1:2. There is distress, sorrow, grief, heaviness, but underlying exultation. Only lasts for a little, 2 Cor. 4.

2. We can bring praise, honor, and glory to our Lord at His coming, 7. If we could lose our sal then we wouldn't see Him at His coming. Passing thru trials successfully proves the depth and stability of our faith and refines it like gold. Can give abundant entrance into kingdom, 2 Pet 1:5-11. Gold will eventually perish; our sal will not. Gold can be refined; so can our sal. Pure gold glorifies maker. Rewarded Xns glorify Savior.

3. We can have an ongoing romance with our Savior. Love for unseen Lord (Jn 20:29-blessed those who have not seen and beld). Kept alive by believing (not facts only but relationship). Relationship brings exultation (=v.6) with inexpressible and glorious joy (cara). Joy that even now catches kand reflects the ligh of the glory of heaven.

4. We can be assured of our sal being completed (telos), 9.

Concl. Have to have blood sprinkled on you personally. Then have secure sal.

Missing: we can't give!