

I Peter 1:1-6

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I. Introduction.

- A. Memorizing the Word of God is an amazing way to get into the Word of God.
- B. I Peter was generally addressed to Northern Asia Minor.
- C. The readers were primarily Gentile. (I Corinthians 9)
- D. Theme: suffering for Christ in the hope of glory.
- E. The one word that characterizes an Apostle is authority.
- F. Foreknowledge means an active interest in someone beforehand. God's choosing of us enabled us to choose him. (Matthew 23)
 - 1. This does not destroy human responsibility.
 - 2. There is no such thing as free will because of the sin nature.
 - 3. Predestination does not destroy evangelism.
 - 4. God is sovereign--in His grace, He did not have to save anyone. (Romans 9:18)

II. Believers were sanctified in foreknowledge.

- A. To be sanctified does not mean to make holy--it means to be set apart. (John 17)
- B. Types of sanctification.
 - 1. Previous sanctification. This means one is set apart at birth for God. (Galatians 1)
 - 2. Provisional sanctification. (I Corinthians 1:30, 6)
 - 3. Practical sanctification. One grows in Christ as he sets his life more apart.
 - 4. Final sanctification.
- C. If one believes in election, he also believes in security. There is a link between election and security.

III. God is blessed.

- A. This looks to God's character.
- B. God dispenses His blessing. (Luke 1:42, Ephesians 1:3)

IV. The Father is God and Father of the Lord Jesus.

V. God saves us "according" to His mercy.

A. There is no end to God's mercy.

B. He has not saved us "out" of but "according" to, which is greater.

VI. The Christian's hope is a living hope because of the resurrection of the dead.

VII. The Christian is born unto an incorruptible inheritance.

A. It cannot rot.

B. There is nothing in it that can fade.

C. It is so wonderful that it can only be described by what it is not.

D. It is reserved in heaven.

VIII. The Christian is guarded in heaven also. (Philippians 4:7, II Corinthians)

A. The believer is continually guarded.

B. The salvation package is already waiting for the believer. (I Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 1:16)

IX. The Christian's faith will endure. (Luke 22:31-32)

A. Peter failed, but his faith did not fail.

B. People sin, but their faith does not fail.

C. The mark of election is a continuing faith.

X. Conclusion.

A. Salvation is all of God.

B. If salvation is all of God, one must bless God.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be sanctified?

2. Which future hope strikes you the most? Explain.

3. How would you respond to someone who says that Christians can lose their faith? Explain.
