

The Paradigm of Salvation

For those who love and believe in Jesus Christ, salvation is:

- **past** “He has given us new birth,” v. 3
- **present** “through faith are shielded by God’s power,” and v. 5
- **future** it is their “inheritance,” v. 4
which will “be revealed in the last time,” v. 5
and is “the goal of your faith:” v. 9

Of *which* salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the *grace that should come* unto you:

1 Peter 1:10

- The prophets wrote of the days we have seen and are now living in!
- Remember the disciple's words on the road to Emmaus?
- *"But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel"* Luke 24:21
- Or John the Baptist's question:
- *"Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?"* Matt 11:3

Searching *what, or what manner of time* the Spirit of Christ *which was in them* did signify, *when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.*

1 Peter 1:11

- Genesis 22 The Akedah (Abraham & Isaac)
- Genesis 39-41, Joseph's rejection & imprisonment
- Psalm 22, The words spoken at Calvary
- Psalm 69, The childhood of Jesus
- Isaiah 53 (50:6), The suffering Servant
- Daniel 9:26, The One 'cut off, but not for Himself'
- Jonah The One who descended to Hades

But then to be resurrected!

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- Genesis 24 The uniting of Isaac with his bride
- Genesis 41-50 The exultation of Joseph
- 2 Samuel 7 The everlasting throne of David
- Psalm 2 Seated at the right hand of God!
- Psalm 50 Judging the Nations
- Isaiah 11 The Branch / The Root of David
- Isaiah 60-66 The coming kingdom
- Daniel 2,7 The Millennial reign

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?
And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Daniel 12:8-9

Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things **the angels desire to look into.**

1 Peter 1:12

- Angels learning?
- ...through God's unfolding plan **cf. Eph 3:10.**

- Note: **1 Pet 1:10-12** should be compared with **2 Pet 1:20-21**:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were moved* by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20,21

- *The doctrine of inspiration does not necessarily include the notion that they necessarily understood what they were “moved” to write.*

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1 Peter 1:13-15

- Peter now gives 5 specific exhortations:

Peter's Exhortations: (1:13-15)

1) *"Gird up the loins of your mind"*

– suggests **Exodus 12**, when they were instructed to eat the Passover with their loins girded and the shoes on their feet, ready to begin their journey when the signal was given...

Cf., being girded with truth; **Eph 6:14**

– *"Prepare your minds for action"*

– Obedience is a conscious act of the will.

- **Therefore disobedience is also a conscience act of the will**

– Our mindset should be such that we are to be ready to go at a moments notice

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, **but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

2 Timothy 4:8

- Are you looking forward to His appearing?
- Do you care more for the things of this world?
- What is on your 'bucket list'?

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2) *"Be sober, self-controlled"*

v. 13; cf. 4:7; 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:6,8

- *Gr. nephontes* from a verb meaning, "be sober,"
- Used only figuratively in the New Testament.
- It means to be free from every form of mental and spiritual "drunkenness" or excess.
- Rather than being controlled by outside circumstances, believers should be directed from within.
- We could paraphrase this as 'be filled with the Spirit'

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18

- You can become 'drunk' / intoxicated by many things.
 - Love
 - hobbies
 - work
- All of these exert control over your will and passions

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3) *“Set your hope fully”*

- Holy living demands determination.
- A believer's hope is to be set 'perfectly'
- Gr. 'teleious' completely or unchangeably

“...and without reserve on the grace to be bestowed when Jesus Christ is revealed”

- lit., “in the revelation [*apokalypsei*] of Jesus Christ
 - cf. The same phrase in v. 7;
 - also cf. the verb “be revealed” in v. 5

Where there is no vision...

Proverbs 29:18

- Four times Peter has already spoken of the Savior's return and the accompanying ultimate stage of salvation vv. 5,7,9,13
- Many Christians shy away from prophecy
 - Often seeing it as something confusing...
 - ...or even frightening!
- Paul speaks of our Blessed Hope! Titus 2:13
- It was an ignorance of prophecy that caused Israel's eyes to be blinded Luke 19

Can you hear...?

¹⁷ Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Jeremiah 6:17

“When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to evangelism. He said in essence. “The details of my return are none of your business.”

— Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

Jesus actually said:

“Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” (Matt 24:5)

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. (Matt 24:25-26)

Now learn a parable of the fig tree..... (Matt 24:32)

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near (Matt 24:33)

Therefore be ye also ready..... (Matt 24:44)

Watch therefore..... (Matt 25:13)

Take heed lest any man deceive you: (Mark 13:5)

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that reads understand,) (Mark 13:14)

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For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things. (Mark 13:22-23)

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. (Mark 13:33)

Watch ye therefore (Mark 13:35)

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch (Mark 13:37)

Take heed that ye be not deceived (Luke 21:8)

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (Luke 21:28)

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4. As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

5. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

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- 4) Not fashioning yourselves (not conform to) your former lusts; v. 14
- Rather as obedient children (lit., “children of obedience”) they were to mold their characters toward His:
 - 4) Do not conform to the evil desires of their past sinful lives cf. Eph 2:3 when they were ignorant of God cf. Eph 4:18
 - (*suscheumatizomenoi*, as also used in Rom 12:2).

What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

Romans 6:21

- In what way did your old life bring you any lasting blessing?
- Isn't the fruit of that life like rotten manna?
- Compare that to what you now have in Christ that is not corruptible!

Peter's Exhortations: (1:13-15)

5) Be ye holy.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of **conversation;** 1 Peter 1:15

- 'Conversation': Old English: Behavior/conduct
- Their lifestyle was to reflect not their former ignorance (*agnoia*), v. 14
- ...but the holy (*hagios*) nature of their heavenly Father who gave them new birth and called them to be His own.

Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:16

- Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7
- These verse don't speak of legal requirements but is a reminder of a Christian's responsibility in his inner life and outer walk – out of love for Jesus
“Though absolute holiness can never be achieved in this life, all areas of life should be in the process of becoming completely conformed to God's perfect and holy will”. CM
- Paul speaks of the Liberty we have in Christ to serve Him, not by constraint but through love



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