

“Blessed be the God and Father!”

Intro: Peter opens the main body of the letter by immediately _____.

1. Upon hearing of God and the salvation He grants, the reader's thoughts are cast from the present _____ of this world to the heavenly _____ of God - the believer's inheritance.

2. Upon hearing of God and the salvation He grants Peter establishes a _____ for faith and _____ living.

1 Peter 1:3-5

I. Peter boldly begins with a doxology of _____ that declares and thus establishes the purpose, source, motive, _____, reality, means, goal, certainty, and _____ of our salvation.

A. The _____ of our salvation: “_____ be the God and Father ...”

1. The purpose of our salvation is that _____ would be _____!

a. The word “blessed” means “inherently _____ to be praised.”

b. Our salvation is a testimony that _____ our God to be the _____ and merciful _____ that He is.

B. The _____ of our salvation: “the God and _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1. Jesus said that the “_____” Him and that He had life “because of the Father” (John 6:57). 1 John 4:14 says, “And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the _____ to be the _____ of the world.”

C. The _____ of our salvation: “His great _____!”

1. The word “mercy” points us to God's _____ pity.

2. “But God, being rich in _____, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, _____ alive together with Christ ...” (Eph 2:4-5).

D. The _____ (cause or effect) of our salvation (being born again): _____ Himself!

1. _____ save ourselves? Jer 13:23, “Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil. (NIV). Jesus explains the same truth to Nicodemus when he asked how a man could be born again. John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” Church, it is by the _____ Himself through His Spirit that we are saved!

E. The present _____ of our salvation: “a _____.”

1. Jesus said, “_____ the resurrection and the _____; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall _____ ...” (John 11:25-26).

a. In Christ we have the living hope of _____!

F. The _____ of our salvation (the living hope): “the _____ of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1. Our hope in Christ comes to us because _____ from the dead! (Cf. Acts 2:24, 10:26; Gal. 1:1; Eph.1:20)

G. The _____ of our salvation: “to obtain an _____.”

1. Beloved we have a heavenly eternal _____. Rom 8:16, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, ...” And, Titus 3:7 expresses what the inheritance is: “being justified by His grace we” are “made heirs according to the hope of _____ life.”

H. The _____ of the inheritance our salvation brings: it is “_____ and undefiled and will not fade away.”

1. Beloved, the promises of God are as sure as God Himself! His promises are “Yes” and “_____!” (2 Cor. 1:20) In Luke 21:33 Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My _____ pass away.” What God promises He will see to fulfillment for He “has magnified [His] word according to all [His] name” (Ps 138:2).

2. God _____ of grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus are so fabulous that they are inexhaustible and it is going to take all _____ for Him to _____ them upon us. (cf. Eph.2:6-7) This heavenly inheritance is imperishable, undefiled and will not fade away!

I. The _____ of the inheritance our salvation brings: it is “_____ in heaven for [us] who are _____ by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1. John 14:1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 “In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to _____ a place _____. 3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and _____ to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

2. The inheritance of salvation is reserved for those who are _____ the power of _____!

a. John 6:37 & 40, “All that the Father gives Me _____ to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ... 40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself _____ him up on the last day.”

3. We are protected by faith for a salvation _____ to be revealed in the last time.

a. Our salvation is ready, but the question remains: _____ ready to meet the Lord?

In light of the truth of the salvation God has provided will you believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ? Heb 9:27-28, “.. inasmuch as it is appointed for men to _____ once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.”

Is He your _____ and _____?

Do you _____ await Him?