

## LifeLines February 12, 2024

### Today's Scripture: 1 Verse

#### 1 Peter 1:9

**For you are receiving the outcome of your faith,  
the salvation of your souls.**

#### WHY WE'RE HERE

2 Timothy 3:16-17, All scripture is inspired by God & is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, & for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

#### CONTEXT

Peter began his letter introducing himself & listing the recipients of the letter. "Exiles of the Dispersion" recalls the Jewish experience of being exiled from Israel to Babylon. The new Christians, unwelcome in Jerusalem, have been exiled & scattered into pagan areas. They, too, will experience being alienated from fellow believers spiritually & socially. Peter concluded his salutation with this prayer: "May grace & peace be yours in abundance." He wanted the Christians to remember & know the mercy of God, the new birth that is theirs & the living hope Jesus' resurrection made possible. The believers who read Peter's letter were suffering because of their circumstances, so Peter encouraged them to bear up under unjust suffering, continue to love well & remember the gift of salvation awaiting them.

This section of Peter's letter is considered one of the most beloved passages in scripture. It begins with a blessing, describes the goodness of God in raising Jesus from the dead, & gives hope to all who suffer. We can receive & give thanks for this same message in our lives, especially as Easter's glorious Resurrection approaches.

**DIFFERENT VERSIONS** (Versions not listed are similar to the NRSV or versions shown below.)

#### **AMP**

Receiving as the result [the outcome, the consummation] of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

#### **CEV**

You are to be saved. This is why you have faith.

#### **CSB**

Because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **EASY**

You are happy now because God is saving you from sin. You believe in Jesus, & you know that God saves you because of that.

## **ERV (Easy to Read)**

Your faith has a goal, & you are reaching that goal –your salvation.

## **GNT**

Because you are receiving the salvation of your souls, which is the purpose of your faith in Him.

## **MSG**

We can enjoy our eternal reward & can receive the goal of our salvation right now.

## **NIV**

For you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **NLT**

The reward for trusting Him will be the salvation of your souls.

## **TLB**

And your further reward for trusting Him will be the salvation of your souls.

## **SELAH**

## **BREAKING DOWN THE VERSE**

*For you are receiving the outcome of your faith...* Peter is referring to our inheritance as Christians. The outcome of our faith is a gift based on what God has done for us, not on anything we have done.

Note the present tense of the verb, “are.” The receiving is not in the future. It’s a present reality. We receive the end of our faith, the result of our faith, the reward of our faith, the purpose of our faith & the gift of our faith *right now!* Our faith has already enabled us to attain full perfection in Christ. The culmination of our faith - what our faith has been leading up to & destined to accomplish - is the salvation of our souls.

*the salvation of your souls...* (Remember, Peter is writing to people who are suffering. It’s good for *all of us* to remember there is hope in the midst of suffering.) The moment we trusted Christ as our Savior, the salvation of our soul was eternally secure *in Him*. Our mind, will & emotions belong to Him through our faith, trust & surrender. Christ, our Savior, is capable of guarding our heart, our will & our emotions through whatever circumstances life brings, because we have put our trust & faith in Him.

Salvation means we’ve been saved from sin & its consequences (including eternal death & separation from God) because of Jesus’ death & resurrection. We need not fear death or hell, because we have assurance of an inheritance that is imperishable & which is kept for us in heaven. Our *dead* human spirit was made alive at our rebirth (through faith & by

declaring Jesus to be our Savior), & our faith in Christ secured the salvation of our soul. We were made a new creation in Christ. Our minds are renewed. The old self has been made new. We are able to walk in newness of life with the presence of the Holy Spirit *in us* as our Comforter, Counselor, Guide & Teacher.

Our salvation is the crown of the Christian life.

## **SELAH**

### **RELATED VERSES** (What other verses come to your mind?)

Genesis 15:6, And he (Abram) believed the Lord; & the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 27:1a, The Lord is my light & my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Isaiah 12:2, Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, & will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength & my might; He has become my salvation.

Luke 7:48 & 50, Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 19:9-10, Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out & to save the lost.”

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.”

John 14:6, Jesus said to him, “I am the way, & the truth, & the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 17:3, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, & Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

John 17:19, “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

John 20:29, Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen & yet have come to believe.”

Romans 3:23-24, Since all have sinned & fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified through His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:25-26, (Christ Jesus) whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith. He did this to show His righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that He Himself is righteous & that He justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:28, For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. (Justification – God moves a believer from the state of *sin* to the state of *grace*.)

Romans 5:8-9, But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by His blood, will we be saved through Him from the wrath of God.

Romans 10:9, Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord & believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22, But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ & has anointed us, by putting His seal on us & giving us His Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

2 Corinthians 4:18, Because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 9:15, Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

Ephesians 1:13-14, In Him you also, when you had heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, & had believed in Him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 2:8, For by grace you have been saved through faith, & this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 6:24, Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:7, And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts & minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:6-7, As you therefore have received Jesus Christ the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted & built up in Him & established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

1 Thessalonians 1:10, And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Hebrews 10:14 & 17-18, For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. He also adds, "I will remember their sins & their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

1 Peter 1:3b, By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:5, (For you) who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:8, Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; & even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him & rejoice with an indescribable & glorious joy,

1 Peter 3:15-16, But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. (Sanctify – set apart or declare as holy, consecrate)

1 Peter 3:18, For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

1 Peter 5:4, And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

1 John 1:7, But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, & the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

## SUMMARY

Because Jesus has risen from the dead, our hope is not a “wish.” Our hope is real & alive because *Jesus is alive!* Our inheritance is eternal, because Jesus is eternal. Our inheritance is full of glory & our place in heaven is secured forever; therefore, even in our suffering, we have reason to rejoice!

The gift of God’s grace working through our faith has made all this possible. The gift of salvation is ours. It was purchased for us by our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us give thanks, praise & glory for this indescribable gift! Let us grow in grace, mature in faith & exhibit evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Let us honor our Triune God through all we think, say & do. Let’s cooperate with everything the Holy Spirit wants to do in us so the Light of Christ will shine through our lives & into the lives of others, each day.

## CONCLUSION

The mystery of God’s plan has been revealed to us in Christ. Like the recipients of Peter’s letter, we haven’t seen Jesus with our eyes as Peter had, but *we have faith!* Faith in Christ results in something bigger than we can imagine.

Easter is upon us, & we’ll celebrate the Resurrection. Let us do so not only with great joy but also in true humility. When Jesus was resurrected from the dead, God proved He had accepted the death of His own Son as the substitute for the death we deserved. Our unrighteous living demanded a severe penalty which would have separated us from God for eternity, but that was *before we accepted Jesus as our Savior by faith.*

Our decision to make Jesus our Lord & our Savior gave God permission to allow Jesus to serve as our substitute & receive the death penalty we deserved. Jesus suffered & died for us & for fallen humanity. His death made it possible for believers to be declared righteous based solely on our faith in Him (just as Abram was), & *we receive our salvation*.

As we read these words, we believers are saved. We are justified & made right with God by our faith. We are saved from sin & an eternity in hell. We are sanctified - the *ongoing process* of salvation which protects us from the influence of sin in our lives. Our salvation is right now, in this moment, taking place. It is through Christ alone that *we have obtained as the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our soul*. Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

**“For you are receiving the outcome of your faith,  
the salvation of your souls.”**

Let 1 Peter 1:9 be a *LifeLine* for you!

**SCRIPTURE IS OUR –**

***LifeLine!***

Take a minute or two & write something you want to remember about this LifeLine:

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