

# THE GRACE OF SALVATION

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**Text: 1 Peter 1:10-25**

## **Introduction**

The gifts of God are eternal and are found in His eternal and perfect Word of God—the scriptures. There is no gift greater to humanity than the gift of salvation. Based on His grace and mercy and a fulfillment of His divine plan, it is essential that we understand and honor this gift. Peter offers these *reminders* of this wonderful gift of salvation.

## **I. THE GRACE OF SALVATION WAS A DREAM OF THE PROPHETS AND A FASCINATION OF THE ANGELS**

**10** Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, **11** trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. **12** It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

**A. The Prophets wanted us to know what was to come.**

**B. The angels are fascinated by what we have received.**

## **II. THE GRACE OF SALVATION CALLS US TO HONOR ITS GIFT.**

**13** Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. **14** As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. **15** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; **16** for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

**A. Be aware of the grace of God at all times.**

**B. Follow God with regard for the grace shown to us.**

### **III. THE GRACE OF SALVATION WAS SECURED BY A PRICELESS OFFERING.**

**17** Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. **18** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. **20** He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. **21** Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

**A. All stand equal in Christ because all were redeemed by the same offering (17-19).**

**B. Jesus fulfilled God's eternal plan for our salvation.**

### **IV. THE GRACE OF SALVATION SHOULD PRODUCE SINCERE LOVE.**

**22** Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. **23** For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. **24** For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
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but the word of the Lord endures forever."  
And this is the word that was preached to you.

**A. A genuine heart produces genuine love (22).**

**B. The Word of God is pure and all it produces is eternal (23-25).**

**CONCLUSION**

These *reminders* of God's wonderful gift of salvation should be our motivation for living out our faith each day.

**Footnotes:**

- a. [1 Peter 1:16](#) Lev. 11:44,45; 19:2
- b. [1 Peter 1:22](#) Some early manuscripts *from a pure heart*
- c. [1 Peter 1:25](#) Isaiah 40:6-8 (see Septuagint)

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