



THE CERTAINTY OF SALVATION

1 Peter 1:3-9

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Good morning Church! The certainty of our future rests in the sovereign plan of God, the power of the holy spirit and the perfect work of Jesus Christ. God Father, Son and Holy Spirit brought salvation to us all who believed in the name of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:3-9

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

*“as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” **Romans 3:10-12***

Jesus said, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them”
John 6:44

*“By grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God.” **Ephesians 2:8***

1. God's POWER Saves Us For a PERMANENT Inheritance in HEAVEN. (v 3-5)

- JESUS claimed to be GOD.
- God is MERCIFUL to give ETERNAL life.

2. God's JOY Sustains Us For PERSECUTION and Trials on EARTH. (v 6-9)

Our trials ...

- Will NOT last
 - Serves a PURPOSE
 - Brings DISTRESS
 - Comes in VARIOUS Forms
 - Should NOT DIMINISH Our Joy
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- Suffering does NOT prevent JOY.

"Blessed are those who do not see and believe." **John 20:29**

- GENUINE Faith is when a believer comes through a trial and still TRUSTING in the LORD.

Christians can praise, honor and bring glory to God by joyfully enduring trials until the Second Coming of Christ. As the hymn *In the Garden* says "And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known".

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.