

# ***TO SAVE OUR SOULS***

Wednesday Gathering; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Week of Sunday, July 7, 2021; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme – For believers, the glory of our salvation is that it is all of God. He caused us to be born again to a living hope, protects us through faith, and prepares us for a future inheritance of seeing Jesus face to face, all by testing our faith through difficulties of trials.**

## **I. The Glory of Our Salvation – 1 Peter 1:3-5**

- A. What are all of the different ways in which Peter describes God as acting in our salvation?
- B. What do you think it means for believers to be born again to a living hope?
- C. How does the inheritance described in verse 4 compare to an earthly inheritance?
- D. What do you think it means that God’s power is guarding a believer through faith (v.5)?
- E. Do you think the original audience would have been encouraged by Peter’s words in these verses? Do you think they would have been rejoicing in their salvation? Why or why not?

## **II. The Trials of Our Salvation – 1 Peter 1:6-9**

- A. Peter says, “In this you rejoice” (v.6). What do you think the “this” is referring to?
- B. According to verse 7, what is the purpose of our trials? How does God use them in our lives?
- C. How is the motivation to see Jesus highlighted in verses 8-9? Is that cause for rejoicing? Why is it necessary for our souls to be saved?
- D. How are these verses helpful in your daily orientation to the difficulties of life?

## **III. The Application of our Salvation**

- A. What are some of the circumstances in your life that are currently causing you to become anxious? How can verses 3-9 help strengthen your heart this week as you fight anxiety, doubt, and worry?
- B. How would you like to cultivate a heart that is prone to joy rather than anxiousness? What are some verses that can be helpful in this godly pursuit?
- C. How is the reality that Jesus has saved, is saving, and will save our souls an anchor for His Church during every trial and in moments of anxiousness?