

Surrendering to Christ | 1 Peter

A Living Hope, A Holy Calling
A Pure Life, A Chosen Race
A Perfect Example

RECAP...

~ The Motto of Surrender ~

The Child of God
is an Ambassador of God
from the Kingdom of God
to declare the Excellencies of God
before the Enemies of God,
proclaiming the Gospel of God
for the Glory of God.

“He must increase, and I must decrease.”

The Bible Knowledge Commentary, Walvoord & Zuck

“Those who read 1 Peter are encouraged to lift their eyes from present problems and trials and behold the vistas provided by an eternal perspective.”

**Life is defined by LIFE
and therein lies our HOPE.**

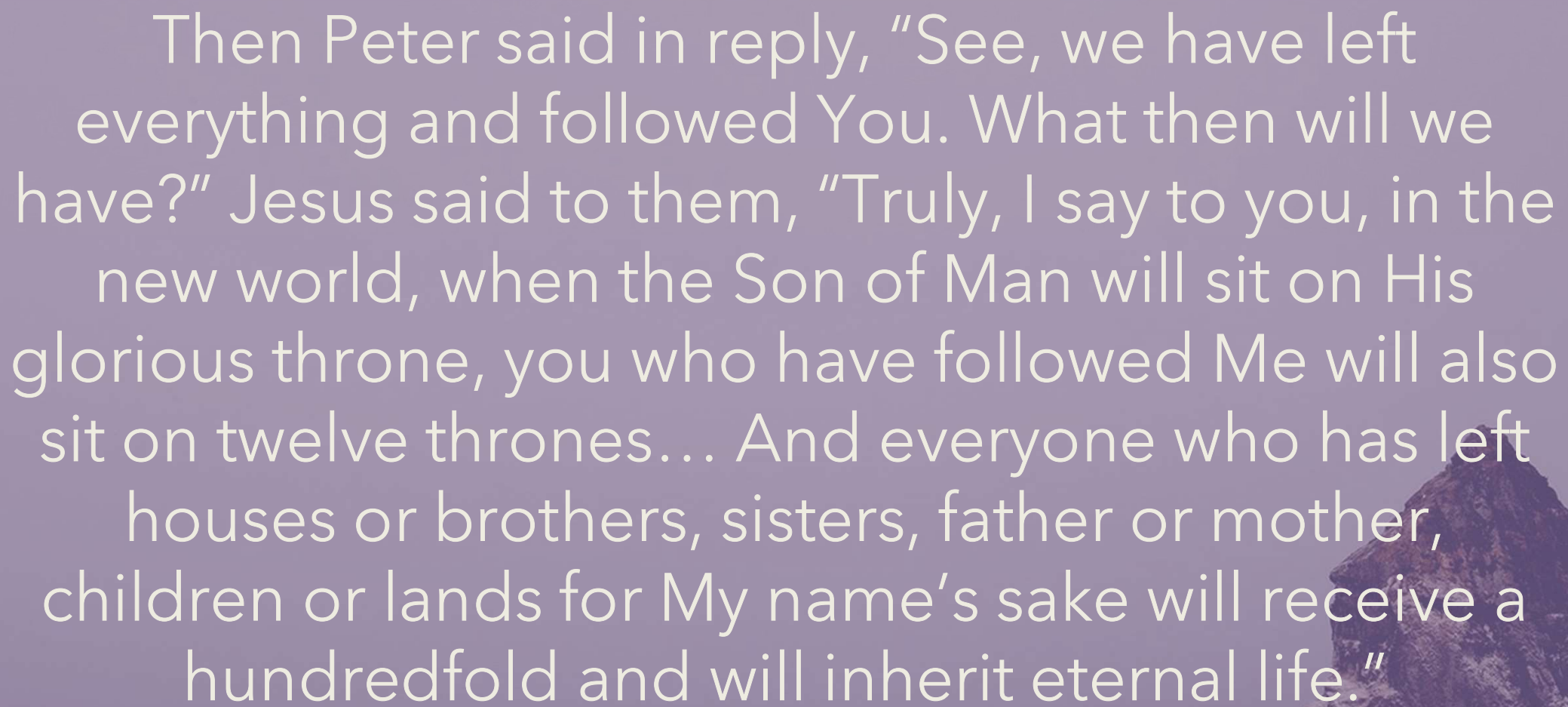
1 & 2 Peter, by David Walls & Max Anders

"Peter used a triple word picture:

Our inheritance can never perish, spoil or fade. These three verbal adjectives indicate that the inheritance is untouched by death, unstained by evil and unimpaired by time.

Our inheritance is death-proof, sin-proof, and time-proof."



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Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed You. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones... And everyone who has left houses or brothers, sisters, father or mother, children or lands for My name's sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life."

Matthew 19:27-29

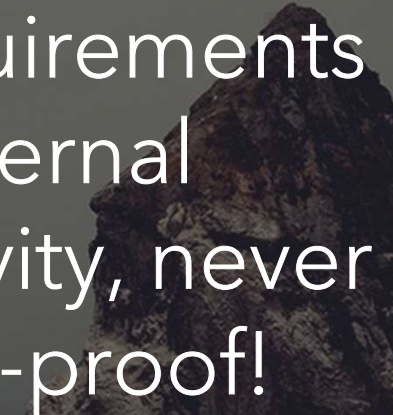
The Message of 1 Peter, by Edmund Clowney

**“Peter had seen Jesus, and loved Him.
Does it amaze him that distant and
scattered Gentiles who have never seen
Jesus also know and love Him?”**



This “abiding word of God” that “remains forever” is a reference to what was said earlier in the chapter of the finished work of Christ [e.g. the sufferings of Christ and subsequent glories – see verse 11].

His sacrifice brought into fruition the requirements of the Law thereby establishing an eternal inheritance, untouched by sin and depravity, never fading: death-proof... sin-proof... time-proof!

A large, dark, jagged rock formation stands on a sandy beach. The rock is dark and textured, with sharp edges and a craggy surface. The beach is light-colored and stretches out in front of the rock. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with a horizon line.

The pursuit of the Christian is holiness for the sake of our devotion to Christlikeness.

Holiness is within the grasp of the believer because she finds herself in the firm hands of her Savior.

The goal is purity for worship along with covenant love and faithfulness. They are to be like God whom they worship, of which holiness is the bi-product.

Becoming holy is found in our devotion to Christ.

We lay aside in us what is indicative of the former ignorance (1:14 – life expressed without Christ, without truth), and that gets replaced by an insatiable craving based upon the truth of the Gospel of Christ.

Through faith we have been called out of that old expectation and into a new anticipation.



"All I Have Is Christ"

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!



The verse says, "that by it [the pure spiritual milk] you might grow up into salvation" (1 Peter 2:2).

Our reflection on the word of God as fulfilled in the work of Christ leads to maturity of faith in the child of God.



By the truth of the Gospel displayed in our lives,
truth reigns in the eyes of those who deny it, but are
judged by it... some to salvation, others to
condemnation.

For to this you have been called, because Christ
also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so
that you might follow in His steps.

(1 Peter 2:21)

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