

“SAVED AND SECURE”

I Peter 1:3-5

In these verses, the apostle communicated two very important doctrines: (1) the doctrine of SALVATION (v. 3 “born again”), and (2) the doctrine of SECURITY (v. 5 “who are protected”). Let’s look closely at these two doctrines and consider being “SAVED and SECURE.”

I. We can BE SAVED (v.v. 3-4) ANAGENAS, “has begotten us again” (KJV), “has given us new birth” (NIV), “has caused us to be born again” (NASB). This verse is supported by FOUR PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES which give us FOUR ASPECTS OF OUR SALVATION:

A. We are saved ACCORDING TO GOD’S MERCY (v. 3b)

1. Titus 3:5
2. Ephesians 2:4

B. We are saved UNTO A LIVING HOPE (v. 3c)

1. Romans 8:24
2. I Corinthians 15:19
3. I Peter 3:15

C. We are saved BY CHRIST’S RESURRECTION (v. 3d)

1. I Corinthians 15:20
2. Romans 6:4

D. We are saved FOR AN ETERNAL INHERITANCE (v. 3e)

1. It is IMPERISHABLE (v. 4a)
2. It is UNDEFILED (v. 4b)
3. It is UNENDING (v. 4c)
4. It is RESERVED (v. 4d)

II. WE CAN BE SECURE (v.5) FRURUMENDS, “to be guarded or kept,” “shielded” (NIV), “protected” (NASB). This verb, too, is supported by THREE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES giving THREE aspects of our security:

A. We are secured BY THE POWER OF GOD (v. 5b)

1. Romans 1:16
2. Ephesians 3:20

B. We are secured THROUGH FAITH IN GOD (v. 5c)

1. I Peter 1:9
2. II Corinthians 5:7

C. We are secured FOR A COMPLETE SALVATION (v. 5c)

1. Philippians 1:6
2. Hebrews 7:25

YOU CAN BE SAVED...YOU CAN BE SECURE...ARE YOU?

Encouragingly Yours, Russell Cook