

**Series:** Aliens & Sojourners—1 Peter

**Text:** 1 Pet. 1:3–5

**Title:** The Certainty of Our Salvation

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**Lesson:** 2

### **The Thesis of 1 Peter: 2:11–12**

*Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers [sojourners] to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

*1:3–5 – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

## I. Why \_\_\_\_\_ God?

- *Eulogetos* –
- He is praising God because He has caused us to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Anagennao* –

*1:23 – for you have been **born [begotten] again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.*

- Every human being is born spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

*Eph. 2:1, 4–5 – And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins...<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were **dead** in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

- Loving the unlovable comes from God's great \_\_\_\_\_.

## Two Results of Being Begotten Again:

*Eis* –

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ hope

a. Jesus Christ (our hope) has been resurrected!

b. We have hope for life beyond the grave!

2. An \_\_\_\_\_

*Rom. 8:16–17* – *The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are **children** of God, 17and if **children**, **heirs** also, **heirs** of God and **fellow heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*

a. The focus is less on the *substance* of the inheritance

and more on its \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Our inheritance is:

i. Imperishable (Rom. 1:23; 1 Tim. 1:7; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Pet. 1:23)

ii. undefiled (Heb. 7:26; 13:4; Jas. 1:27)

iii. Unfading (1 Pet. 5:4)

## II. Why Our Blessing Is \_\_\_\_\_

- Our salvation will be fully revealed after Christ \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Salvation is a forward-facing hope for the \_\_\_\_\_ that sustains us in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- We get there because we are “protected by the power of God through faith.”
  - What preserves our salvation, God’s power or our faith?
  
  - This is an example of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ will.
  
  - Faith is the ongoing, persevering trust in God that we only accomplish through God’s power.
  
  - Our \_\_\_\_\_ faith is what assures us that these promises will come to pass.

## This illustrates the key concept in Christianity of

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- Denominations/Churches that teach that you can lose your salvation undercut the nature of salvation itself!
  - If they say you can lose it based on what you \_\_\_\_\_, they miss that it is faith alone as an act of God's grace.

*Eph. 2:8–9 – For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup>**not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast.*

*Rom. 11:6 – But if it is by **grace**, it is **no longer on the basis of works**, otherwise grace is no longer grace.*

- If they say you can lose salvation based on whether or not you keep your \_\_\_\_\_, they miss that it is a gift from God and the medium through which *God's* power protects us until the end.

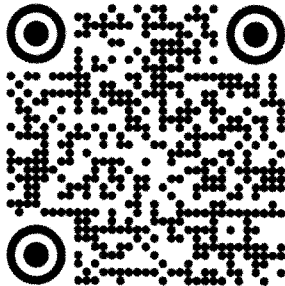
- All the details of this passage would have to be \_\_\_\_\_ if we could lose our salvation!
- Our enduring salvation is NOT dependent on us; it's dependent on God \_\_\_\_\_.

**What do we do with this text?**

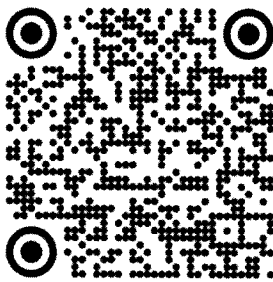
1. Don't let anyone tell you that you can \_\_\_\_\_ your salvation.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the blessings of our salvation!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

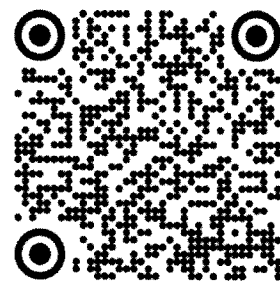
1. For what do you bless God? How can you make that a more regular part of how you think about your faith?
2. How is God more glorified by saying we have been 'begotten again' instead of 'born again'? Is this worth making a big deal out of?
3. Why is Christ's resurrection so important for the assurance of our salvation? Is this worth making a big deal out of?
4. How is God responsible for keeping us saved? How are we responsible? How would you explain the relationship between the two?
5. Have you ever had conversations with people who believe they can lose their salvation? How would you respond?



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**Blanks:** Bless, born [begotten] again, dead, mercy, living, inheritance, security, Secure, future, present, continued, eternal security, do, faith, lies, alone, lose, Look forward