

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM PETER SO FAR?¹

1 Peter 1:3-13

We've learned that whenever God is blessed it's because He has blessed us. (cf. 2 Corinthians 1:3ff., Ephesians 1:3ff.)

³ 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.

We've seen a simple definition of faith and its interaction with love. (cf. 1 John 4:7-21)

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.

We've been introduced to the source of our faith and the key to intimate relationship with God.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

We've seen the three necessary steps to clear thinking about our relationship with God and to living a hope filled life.

We've prepared our minds by meditating on the blessings God has given us. (cf. 1:3-12)

¹³ Therefore, preparing (*lit. "having prepared"*) your minds for action,

Our thinking is clear! (cf. Ephesians 4:14)
and being sober-minded,

We are ready for decisive action.
set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.
The Preamble to the Christian Life
1 Peter 1:14-19

A whole new pathway! (From “me now”)

¹⁴ As obedient children,
do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,
¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy,
you also be holy in all your conduct,
¹⁶ since it is written,

“You shall be holy, for I am holy.” (*Leviticus 11:44*)

A keen awareness of God’s presence, (to “Him all the time”)

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds,
conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

with an ever-present awareness of the blessings God has provided through his Son. (cf. 1:3-5)

¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers,
not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.