

“Blessed Be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ!”

1 Peter 1:3–12

April 21, 2024

Salvation Granted (1:3–5)

“Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

Salvation Tested (1:6–7)

“This light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.” (2 Corinthians 4:17)

“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:4–5)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” (James 1:2–4)

Salvation Experienced (1:8–9)

“My love is oftentimes low, my joy still ebbs and flows, but peace with Him remains the same, no change my Savior knows. I change, he changes not; the Christ can never die; his love, not mine, the resting-place, his truth, not mine, the tie.” (“I Hear the Words of Love”)

Salvation Revealed (1:10–12)

“Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.” (Matthew 13:16–17)

Notes

Discuss

- What is something taught by 1 Peter 1:3–12 that makes you say, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!”?
- Based on 1 Peter 1:3–12, what is a biblical perspective on Christian suffering, and what are some ways that perspective might apply to your experience?
- If Christian doesn’t feel love, belief, and faith for Jesus, what might it reveal about them, and what should they do?

Read

John 3:1–21; Romans 5:1–21; 2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10; James 1:2–4

Pray

- That our suffering brothers and sisters will find comfort in knowing Jesus.
- That the Holy Spirit will cause you to praise God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit for their work in saving you.

Bulletin

- Women’s Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry Gatherings: First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Youth Camp Fundraiser Lunch: April 28 at 12:15pm (tickets may be purchased in person in the lobby or through Realm)
- Men’s Breakfast: May 11 at 8:00am