

SALVATION AND HAPPINESS MULTIPLIED.

I Peter 1:2

Introduction:

A. There are two great goals in life.

1. To obtain salvation.
2. To be very happy.
3. Why do some want to be saved.
 - a. Save marriage.
 - b. Better daddy.
 - c. Get off drugs.
 - d. Out of debt.

B. These "scattered one's" had both.

1. How did they come to possess them?
2. Later verses tell of persecution.

I . "ELECT, ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD."

A. What does God know?

1. Omnipresent,
2. Omnipotent.
3. Omniscient.
4. God knows the end from the beginning.

b. Does the foreknowledge of God pre-destinate?

1. If God knows all, then all He knows must come to pass.
2. Does God know we will sin? Then God is the author of sin! NO!

C. God knows the future as we know the past.

1. My knowledge of John F. Kennedy and Dallas, Texas.

D. Who are these people? They are saved people, therefore they are "elect."

1. God has elected to save all who accept His plan, and all who accept His plan are elected.

II . "THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT ."

A. Sanctification = set apart, the beginning and end of salvation is by the Spirit.

1. The troubling of the water, the calming of water.
- b. To ignore the work of the Holy Spirit is to bring disaster to the church and to all His people.

"OBEDIENT TO JESUS CHRIST ."

A. obedient = a hearing attentively, or listening, hence, obedience as the result of attentive hearing.

1. Jesus said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."
- B. If we are not obedient we are disobedient.
 1. "I have not done what the Bible teachers but I am not doing wrong."
 2. Either in His will or in rebellion.
 - a. If ye know His will.

"AND SPRINKLED IN HIS BLOOD ."

A. The Bible emphasizes his blood.

1. Adam and Eve. garments.
2. Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
3. O.T. sacrifices.
4. The Passover.
5. His own blood.

"GRACE AND PEACE BE MULTIPLIED"

- A. Amp. "May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in increasing abundance, that spiritual peace to be realized in and through Jesus Christ; freedom from: fears, agitating passions and moral conflicts."
1. grace = a kind, affectionate, pleasing nature, friendly willingness, pleasing work, kindness favor; on the part of the receiver, thanks.
 2. peace = peace, rest; in contrast with strife, and denoting the absence or end of strife. A state of untroubled, undisturbed well being. The peace which is the result of forgiveness enjoyed. This is not "peace with God."
 3. This the peace the church was to have.
 4. Sowing discord and strife is a sin!
- B. There are three dimensions to peace.
1. Peace with God. Eph. 2:14.
 2. Peace with self. Phil. 4:4-7.
 3. Peace with others. I Peter 3:10-11.