

## THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS

I Peter 1:9-12

### Introduction:

- A. The recipients of this letter were "faith people."
  - 1. vs. 7.
  - 2. vs. 9 "while you reap the harvest of your faith, that is, the salvation of your souls."
  
- B. Faith is the basis for action.
  - 1. Without faith any activity is invalid.
    - a. "without faith it is impossible to please God."
  - 2. Without activity, faith is invalidated.
    - a. "faith without works is dead."

### I . SEARCHING

- A. "the prophets have inquired and searched diligently."
  - 1. inquired = to look into.
  - 2. searched = to trace out, to search by uncovering, to search minutely.
  - 3. "diligently = speedily, earnestly, eagerly.
  
- B. "who prophesied of the grace that should come unto us."
  - 1. Jesus is a New Testament name but an Old Testament character.
  - 2. They knew his character, but not his name!
  
- C. These prophets did not seek salvation but when would the prophecies would come true.
  - 1. They wanted to be living to see Him.
  
- D. The before-hand testimonies of the suffering Christ.
  - 1. "the spirit of Christ, which was in them."
    - a. O.T. saints,
    - b. Indwelling of spirit.
  - 2. Isaiah 53:3-

## II. THE REVELATION. VS. 12

- A. "unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us, they did minister the things."
  - 1. The time was not then.
  - 2. They died in faith, not having received the promise.
- B. We must not be a "waiting" people, but a waiting, watching, working people.

## III. WHICH ARE NOW REPORTED UNTO YOU BY THEM THAT HAVE PREACHED THE GOSPEL UNTO YOU, WITH THE HOLY GHOST SENT DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

- A. "reported = send news of, announce, proclaim."
  - 1. This is the preachers job. "generally despised."
  - 2. Acts 4:8-12.
  - 3. Acts 5:29-32.
  - 4. Acts 6:1-4.
  - 5. Acts 7:51-53.
  - 6. Acts 10:34-43.
  - 7. Acts 13:22-30.
  - 8. Acts 17:2-3.
- B. "Holy Ghost" I Thess. 1:5-6.

## IV. THE DESIRE OF ANGELS.

- A. Angels not comprehend.
  - 1. Bro. R.T. Rorie.
  - 2. Sis. Louise Phillips.
  - 3. Father.