



INTRODUCTION: The recipients of this epistle were going through great persecution. Peter wanted to take their minds off the persecution and remind them that there were some good things that were new in their lives.

I. A NEW BIRTH (I PETER 1:3, 23)

A. HOW DID THE NEW BIRTH TAKE PLACE? (I PETER 1:2)

God did not predestine them to go to heaven and predestine others for Hell. God knew from the beginning of time those that would accept Christ and elected them for the New Birth. Christ then came to the earth and died for them. The Spirit then spoke to their hearts, as He does to all men, and urged them to be saved, and when they were born again, he sanctified them (Set apart for salvation).

B. WHEN DID THE NEW BIRTH TAKE PLACE?

“As far as God the Father is concerned, before the foundation of the world. As far as the Son is concerned, I was saved when He died for me on the cross. But as far as the Spirit is concerned, I was saved one night in May, 1945 when I heard the Gospel and received Christ.” - Warren Wiersbe

C. WHAT DOES THIS NEW BIRTH GIVE ME?

1. A New Relationship (1:3) – *“God and Father . . . hath begotten us”*
2. A New Nature

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” – II Corinthians 5:17

“Either the Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible.” – Moody

3. A New Inheritance (1:4) – *“To an inheritance incorruptible . . .”*
 - a. A New Body
 - b. A New State – Sinless Perfection

Heb 12:1, “. . . let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us.”

- c. A New Environment

II. A NEW SALVATION (I PETER 1:5)

A. HOW DO WE GET SALVATION?

1. Christ’s Part: Abundant Mercy (1:3)
2. Our Part: Faith in Christ (1:5)

B. WHEN DO WE GET SALVATION (I PETER 1:5)?

John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:”

We are given it the moment we believe. But we won’t fully experience it until Christ comes back at the rapture of the church.

C. WHAT DOES SALVATION GIVE US?

1. A New Hope (1:3)

We find payment in His death, proof in his burial, and power in his resurrection.

2. A New Security (I PETER 1:5)
 - a. We are kept (guarded) by the power of God.

Romans 8:38, “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- b. The Spirit of God seals us.
- c. We have a covenant by the Blood of Christ.

Matthew 26:28, “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

III. A NEW THEME (I PETER 1:3)

A. SPEAK WELL OF HIM IN YOUR LIFESTYLE – OBEDIENCE

I Samuel 15:22, “And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”

B. SPEAK WELL OF HIM IN YOUR WORDS – WITNESS

Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

John 4:28-29, “The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”

II Kings 7:9, “Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace:”

Mark 4:21, “And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?”

C. SPEAK WELL OF HIM IN YOUR ACTIONS – TESTIMONY

Mark 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”