

# Don't Forget Your Blessings

1 Peter 1:1-5

# *Most of the world has forgotten God*

- Forgetfulness is dangerous. 2 Pt.1:12-14
- What 'things'? Includes 1 Peter 1:1-5

Readers must deal with persecution  
and suffering, 1 Peter 1:6-7

## *What Peter could have done . . .*

- Sent condolences. (Instead, 1:6-7)
- Apologized. (Trials grow faith). 2:2
- Encouraged Epicureanism. (No – 2:11-12)
- Advocated lukewarmness. (No – 2:12)
- Advised them to have good physicians. (2:24)
- Told them to abandon brothers in need. (1:22)
- Encouraged compromise. (4:16)
- Taught them to blend in with society. (4:3-4)
- Enlisted them to revolt against Nero. (2:13-17)
- Allowed them to recant. (Mk.14. 2 Pt.1:12-15)

# I. The Plan, 1-2

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  - Hb.13:14. Earth is not our home.
  - 1 Pt.4:3-4. We are strange...
- Elect: selected, chosen. Ep.1:3-5; Gal.3:26f
  - Mt.22:1-14, many (all) called (invited) . . . few chosen.
  - 2 Pt.1:10

- Foreknowledge: God knew that He would include Gentiles. Gn.12:2.
- Sanctification: holiness, consecration, dedication. 1 Pt.3:15. Jn.17:17. Ep.5:26.
- Obedience: purpose of sanctification. 4:17.
- Sprinkling of blood: a life is given.
  - Ex.24:7-8. Hb.12:24
  - Sinners saved by God's grace (verse 2; 19)
  - God's chosen people (2:9)

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# 1 Pt.1:3-12, one sentence

- Blessed: praised, worthy to receive blessing
- God: through resurrection of Jesus...
- Begotten: born again; new birth. 1:23
- Living hope through resurrection of Jesus:  
Lk.24:...17 . . . 21.

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# Inheritance

- Incorruptible: imperishable, immortal.
- undefiled: pure; cannot be polluted.  
Hb.13:4.
- Does not fade away: unfading, no change or decay.
  - Reserved in heaven for you.
  - Through faith. Ep.6:16.

Summary: the inheritance is...

<sup>1</sup>untouched by death

<sup>2</sup>unstained by evil

<sup>3</sup>unimpaired by time.

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IV. The Protection, 5

- Guarded / kept by power of God.
  - Satan himself cannot take this hope from us – only we can.
- Through faith: the fortress that protects us.
  - Synergism:
    - Divine promises (2-4)
    - Daily pursuit (5-7)
- To salvation.

Peter  
(Greek)  
*rock*

Cephas  
(Aramaic)  
*rock*

Simon  
(Hebrew)  
*heard*

# Be glad, overjoyed (6)

- Inexpressible (8)
- Summary:

God made plan.  
Holy Spirit gave Word.  
Jesus sprinkled blood.  
We obey.