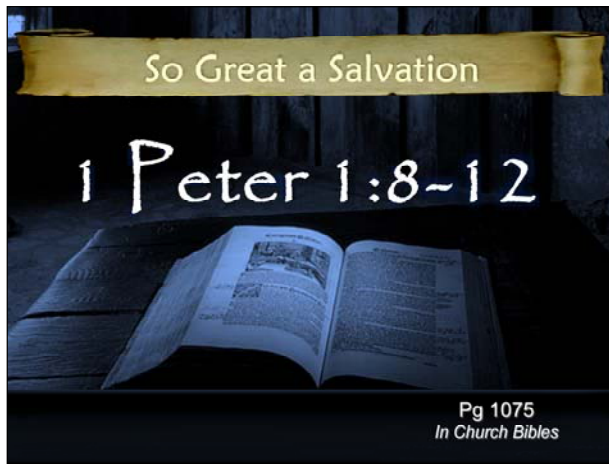




Open to 1 Peter 1....

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Notes for 1 Peter 1:8-12 – So Great a Salvation

The Basic Outline for this Study is as follows

Intro – Polycarp...martyred...and so many more

- Christian - What would it take for you to forsake or neglect your salvation?
- Non-Christian What would it take to keep you from becoming a Christian?
- Aim – see how amazing, valuable salvation in Christ is...

Incredible Hope – Heaven (v3-5)

Purposeful life in trials – Now (v6-7)

Amazing Relationship w/ Jesus (v8-9)

↳ **Invisible relationship**

↳ **Loving relationship**

↳ **Believing relationship**

↳ **Rejoicing relationship**

Prophets longed for this (v10-12)

Angels passionate about (v12)

The following pages are notes – connected to the PowerPoint Slides we show during the message. On the left top, you will see the PowerPoint Slide that is shown. On the left bottom, the verse in 1 Peter is listed. On the right, notes that follow along with the slides. This is a different way of doing sermon notes, and it might be hard to follow...but I hope not. The above outline is what we are teaching – the notes that follow is the process. May it be helpful is our prayer!

2

"Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never once wronged me how then shall I blaspheme my King, Who hath saved me? Bring forth what thou will."



Polycarp, Pastor in Smyrna – Martyred in 155 AD

Polycarp

- Pastor in Smyrna in 2nd Century
- one of the most famous Martyrs in church history
- Asked to forsake Christ and worship Caesar as lord...
- His reply is famous (at left)
- Again...famous for his martyrdom...but far from the only martyr in that time

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From 64 AD

- 6 million Christians Martyred
- Estimated 70 million Christian Martyrs in history....

From 64 ad (one year after 1Peter written...to 313 ad

- 6 million Christians martyred
- Since then....millions more – even today – est. 70 million...

To those facing such times – 1 Peter was both written and has been loved

Us

- are we heading into such times? maybe
- yet the core of the issues that are highlighted then, are present now

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- What would it take for you to forsake your salvation?
- What would it take for you to neglect your salvation?

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The question for you...is what would it take to forsake Christ?

- A gun to your head?
- Fear of prison?
- Loss of job or family?

Same pressure exists in our world, that is pronounced in persecution

- Pressures in families
- Pressures in business
- Fears....and more

What would it take to cause you to turn away...or even neglect this?

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Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.
...neglect so great a salvation



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The warning is clear....

We have so great a salvation

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Non-Christian

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Although an issue for Christians today...is for non-Christians too

Non Christian – what would keep you back from Christ?

- In North India, Saudi Arabia – kicked out from family, wealth, and possibly killed
- Here? Family, friends, more

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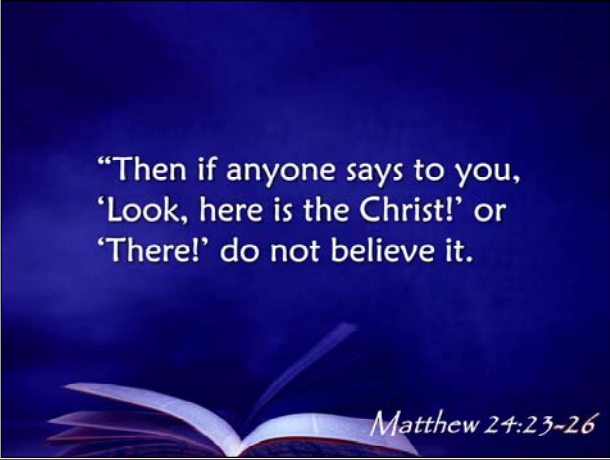
Review...

Incredible hope of heaven – wow
Purposeful life in trials

- Go through trials – if need be
- Working praise, honor, glory-good

On top of this – amazing relationship with Jesus!

- Right now!
- Not one based on sight
- Notice wording – Peter did, we do not.
- Did you know that? You have not seen, nor do you see Jesus visibly – normal



“Then if anyone says to you,
‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or
‘There!’ do not believe it.

Matthew 24:23-26

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For false christs and false prophets
will rise and show great signs and
wonders to deceive, if possible,
even the elect. See, I have told
you beforehand.

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‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not
go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner
rooms!’ do not believe it.

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Great warnings in times of deception
Jehovah’s witnesses
Faith churches even...

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More...this amazing relationship is
one based in love

- Relationship Jesus created, wants and has with believers – love
- 1st commandment – is life!

If you don’t love the Lord Jesus, you
are not a Christian

- Every Christian does...and all need to grow in...but have this

Jesus answered and said to him,
“If anyone loves Me, he will keep
My word; and My Father will love
him, and We will come to him and
make Our home with him.



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He who does not love Me does
not keep My words; and the word
which you hear is not Mine but the
Father's who sent Me.



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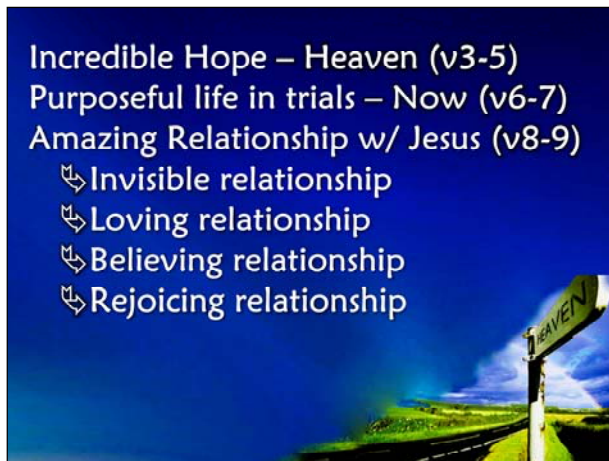
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If don't love – are accursed – true

Yet, again – stop, consider, God is emphasizing to us who are His how amazing this is – we have a loving relationship with Christ!

How valuable...fulfilling, life satisfying... what designed for

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More – it is a believing relationship

- How we are saved – believe on the Lord Jesus and be saved
- Yet – more – is a trust, reliance on, rest in – security in
- Amazing and good thing!

More...rejoicing

- Confess to you – I love this phrase in our text...one that stands to me like a precious jewel. “rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory” wow
- Point – not holding out to you as a carrot...but saying you have this, this is yours, Christian
 - A joy – that so wonderful that words cannot describe
 - A joy – so pure, not tainted with any of the “pleasures of the world”
 - Doesn't mean we are walking in this fully – but it is ours
 - Cell Phone illustration – having capacity that you may not be using.
 - I call you to joy in your salvation

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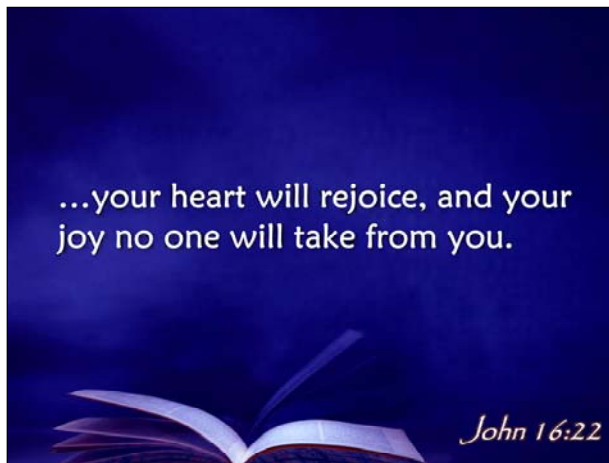


We are called to this joy....

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This is a joy that cannot be taken from us (Jesus promised)

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Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us ...
Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.



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The source of our joy needs to be
right – not in us, what we do, see,
have or accomplish
The source of our joy – is this
amazing, incredible salvation

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This relationship – is a saving
relationship – wonderful end!

Consider – the prophets longed for this

- Much that could be said in v.10-12
- Value of the OT scriptures
- Heart and Spirit of them – Christ
- Ministered in their day
- Yet...always looking ahead to something greater – Christ, His salvation - with awe – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habbakuk and more looked and longed
- Point is this....what you and I can at times take for granted – prophets longed for...w/desire!
- Sometimes having others appreciate what you have helps us see how great what we have is....

20

But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Matthew 13:16-17

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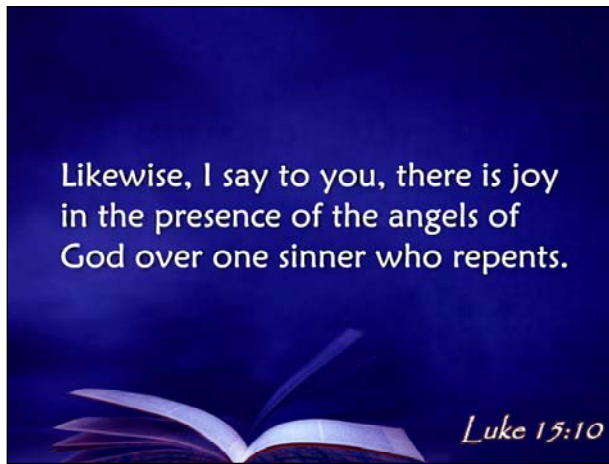
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More – angels are in awe of our salvation

- Has the idea with wonder, joy and amazement they watch the wonder of what salvation is

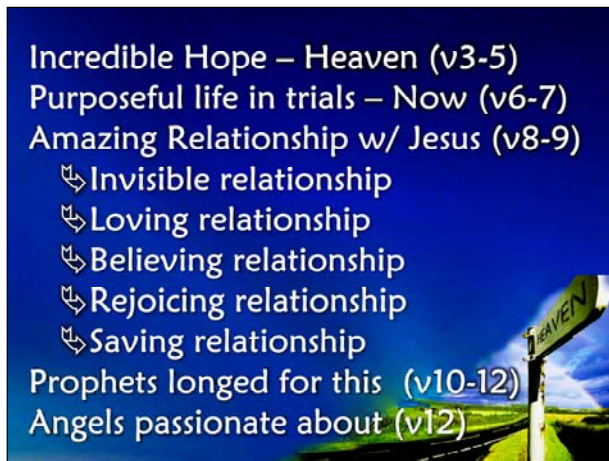


Wow...angels are excited about our salvation

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Stand back for a moment and look at what we are considering.

So great a salvation...don't drift, don't forsake

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We have so great a salvation

Don't neglect it....don't drift, don't turn away...

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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Some debate about this passage
Some feel it must be a picture of Christ buying – because we don't purchase....ok. But I think miss point

Idea is when you find this, salvation – everything else is second to...worth all have and are.
Nothing could make your forsake.

For some...you have stumbled on – like this man

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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:45-46

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For some you searched...and found
I pray you have discovered that this
amazing salvation is more than
anything you could imagine

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- What would it take for you to forsake your salvation?
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Non-Christian

- What would it take to keep you from becoming a Christian?

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So I return to the question

What would it take for you to neglect
this, turn from this or resist this?
If you could see how great this salvation
is...nothing

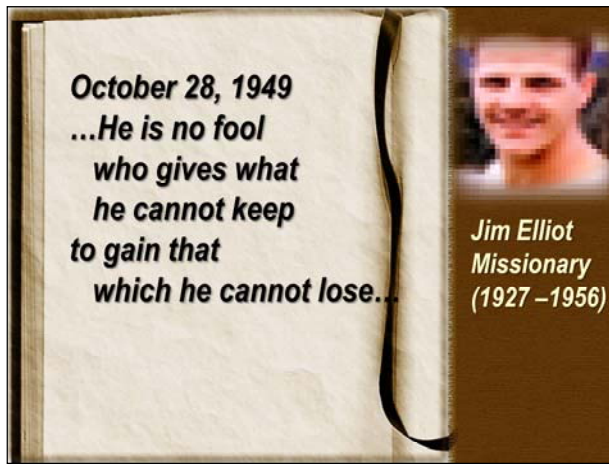
Though we are not in times of intense
persecution...yet...the pressure is still
here – on you. Call you to see
salvation's greatness

Non Christian – what would keep you
back from this?

Rejection, mockery, money, dreams – all
are nothing next to this

Today I call you to Christ. I call you to
be saved

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Think of Jim Elliot and his famous quote.

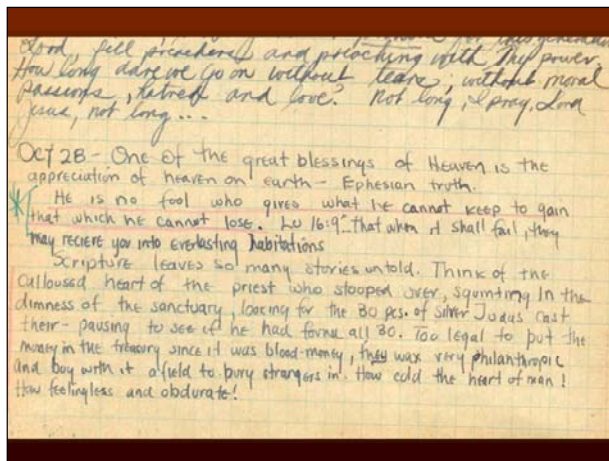
He too would die a martyrs death

Began today with Polycarp, end here

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 Amazing Relationship w/ Jesus (v8-9)

- ↳ Invisible relationship
- ↳ Loving relationship
- ↳ Believing relationship
- ↳ Rejoicing relationship
- ↳ Saving relationship

Prophets longed for this (v10-12)
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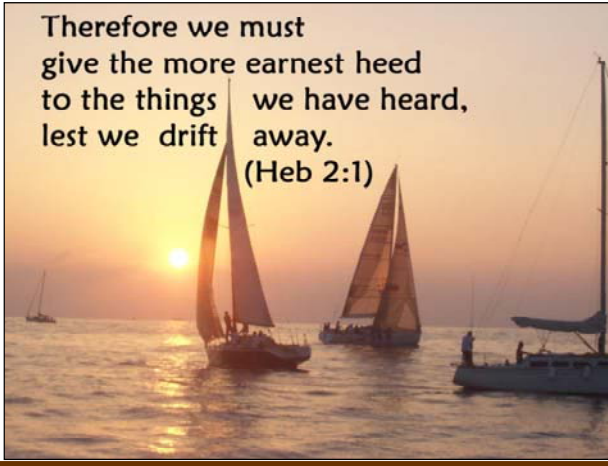


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Therefore we must
give the more earnest heed
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(Heb 2:1)



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