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Intro: In 1 Peter 1, we've been reminded of the grace upon grace upon grace we've been given in Christ Jesus. This is our salvation: chosen, sanctified, cleansed, obedient, born again, living hope, an amazing inheritance, & we are guarded by God! Jesus Christ is mentioned 7 times in the first 12 verses: this great salvation comes to use through Christ. This moves Peter to bless the LORD! These Christians are suffering trials, & Peter begins by reminding them of their great salvation!

- **John MacArthur:** Salvation was the theme of the prophets' study, it was the theme of the Spirit's inspiration, it was the theme of the apostles' testimony, & it was the theme of the angels' interest.

- **John Piper:** Peter wants us to feel more gratitude & wonder for our salvation because the prophets of God & even the angels of heaven longed to see what we have now experienced through the gospel of Jesus Christ . . . So the main point of this paragraph is that we should be amazed at the greatness of our salvation & that this greatness is shown by the fact that prophets of God & angels of heaven long to look into it. **[Salvation! Saved from what? GOSPEL!]**

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1. This Salvation Was Prophesied

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a. This salvation & grace were spoken about beforehand: This salvation was foretold:

V. 10: Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied:

- **Isa. 7:14:** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive & bear a son, & shall call his name Immanuel.

- **Isa. 9:6:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; & the government shall be upon his shoulder, & his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- **Zech. 9:9:** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous & having salvation is he, humble & mounted on a donkey

- **Isa. 49:6:** I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth

- **Jer. 23:5-6:** the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, & he shall reign as king & deal wisely, & shall execute justice & righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, & Israel will dwell securely. & this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- **Zech. 12:10:** I will pour out on the house of David & the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace & pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced

- **Joel 2:32:** it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

Tim Keller: Jesus is the true & better Adam who passed the test in the garden & whose obedience is imputed to us (1 Cor. 15).

- Jesus is the true & better Abel who, though innocently slain, has blood now that cries out for our acquittal, not our condemnation (Heb. 12:24).

- Jesus is the true & better Abraham who answered the call of God to leave all the comfortable & familiar & go out into the void “not knowing wither he went!” to create a new people of God.

- Jesus is the true & better Isaac who was not just offered up by his father on the mount but was truly sacrificed for us. While God said to Abraham, “Now I know you love me because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from me,” now we can say to God, “Now we know that you love me, b/c you did not withhold your son, your only son, whom you love, from me.”

- Jesus is the true & better Jacob who wrestled & took the blow of justice we deserved, so we, like Jacob, only receive the wounds of grace to wake us up and discipline us.

- Jesus is the true & better Joseph who, at the right hand of the king, forgives those who betrayed & sold him & uses his new power to save them.

- Jesus is the true & better Moses who stands in the gap between the people & the Lord & who mediates a new covenant (Heb. 3).

- Jesus is the true & better Rock of Moses who, struck with the rod of God’s justice, now gives us water in the desert.

- Jesus is the true & better Job, the truly innocent sufferer, who then intercedes for & saves his stupid friends (Job 42).

- Jesus is the true & better David, whose victory becomes his people’s victory, though they never lifted a stone to accomplish it themselves.

- Jesus is the true & better Esther who didn’t just risk losing an earthly palace but lost the ultimate & heavenly one, who didn’t just risk his life, but gave his life to save his people.

- Jesus is the true & better Jonah who was cast out into the storm so that we could be brought in.

- Jesus is the real Rock of Moses, the real Passover Lamb – innocent, perfect, helpless, slain so the angel of death will pass over us.

- He is the true temple, the true prophet, the true priest, the true king, the true sacrifice, the Lamb, the Light, the Bread.

b. The prophets longed to look into this great salvation: Vs. 10-11: searched & inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ & the subsequent glories.

This is what Jesus taught: Matt. 13:17: For truly, I say to you, many prophets & righteous people longed to see what you see, & did not see it, & to hear what you hear, & did not hear it.

John Piper: When the Spirit of Christ told Isaiah to write that, Isaiah said, “O, Lord, who? O, Lord, when?” How long, O Lord, how long? That searching & inquiring & longing is an echo of the tremendous worth of our salvation in the hearts of the holy men of old.

c. The prophets were not serving themselves but you: What a privilege! These prophets were serving you! They were telling you what would happen! You have their testimony now that verifies the veracity – the truth – of Who Jesus is & what He came to do!

- **Josh McDowell's book (EDV):** 60 major prophecies Jesus fulfilled. The chances that one man fulfilled just 48 of those prophecies is 10 to the 157th power!

- **Rom. 15:4:** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance & through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

d. It was the Spirit of Christ Who prophesied this good news: John Piper: Christ predicted the sufferings of Christ. Which means that Christ, the Son of God in Heaven, has been contemplating his suffering & his death for us for centuries. Indeed as far back as the plan of salvation reaches in the mind of God, so far back has Christ been willing & ready to give himself for our sins. You were not loved for just a moment of bloody sacrifice in history. You have been loved for endless ages in the eternal plan of the Father & the Son to save sinners who trust in him.

- **Klaas Schilder:** He speaks in quotations because in a strict sense He never uses quotations. The Scriptures are the product of inspiration; the author of Scriptures is the Logos through His Spirit. Thus the Logos is the poet, the creator of the thoughts & of the poems in the Bible.

- Jesus is God! The Son of God has eternally existed! The Spirit of Christ dwells in men! He's God

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2. This Salvation Was Given By Grace

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- **Rom. 11:6:** But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

- **2 Tim. 1:8-9:** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us & called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose & grace

3. This Salvation Was Earned By The Sufferings & Glories Of Christ

1 Pet. 1:11: the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ & the subsequent glories.

- **Lk. 24:26, 46:** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things & enter into his glory?" . . . ⁴⁶ Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer & on the third day rise from the dead.

- **Acts 26:22-23:** To this day I have had the help that comes from God, & so I stand here testifying both to small & great, saying nothing but what the prophets & Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer & that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people & to the Gentiles.

a. The sufferings of Christ: Isa. 53:3-10: He was despised & rejected by men; a man of sorrows, & acquainted with grief; & as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, & we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs & carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him

stricken, smitten by God, & afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, & with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; & the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, & he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, & like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression & judgment he was taken away; & as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ & they made his grave with the wicked & with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, & there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him

b. The glories of Christ: Isa. 53:10-11: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see & be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, & he shall bear their iniquities.

- **Ps. 16:10:** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

- **Ps. 22:22-24:** I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, & stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, & he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

c. Before the glories comes the suffering: First cross, then crown. We suffer, then glory! Verb “to suffer” 11 times in all other N. T. Epistles. Used 12 times in 1 Peter. 4 times as noun (16 total)

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4. This Salvation Was Announced Through Preaching & The Power Of The Holy Spirit

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a. Preachers preach by the power of the Holy Spirit: The prophets in the O. T. spoke by inspiration of the Spirit of Christ, & those who brought the good news of the Gospel to Peter’s hearers also preaching by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Acts 1:8:** you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, & you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem & in all Judea & Samaria, & to the end of the earth.

- **Acts 4:31:** they were all filled with the Holy Spirit & continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

- **1 Cor. 2:4-5:** my speech & my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit & of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Tom Schreiner: We noted in v. 11 that the prophets prophesied by the Spirit of Christ, & here we

are informed that those who proclaim the gospel do so by the power of the Holy Spirit. We have an early indication here of the authority of the New Testament message, for the proclamation of the gospel is on the same level as the prophecies of the Old Testament. Indeed, the gospel fulfills what is found in the Old Testament, & in that sense the prophetic character of the Old Testament can only be grasped in light of the fulfillment not realized in Jesus Christ.

b. The Holy Spirit was sent from heaven: This refers to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: **Acts 2:1-4:** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. & suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, & it filled the entire house where they were sitting. & divided tongues as of fire appeared to them & rested on each one of them. & they were all filled with the Holy Spirit . . . [Regenerates; Indwells; Empowers; Sanctifies]

5. This Salvation You Have Amazes Even The Angels

1 Pet. 1:12: things into which angels long to look.

Angels aren't redeemed. There are elect angels & fallen angels. There is no redemption for fallen angels. Elect angels need no redemption! But there is redemption for fallen human beings! This amazes the elect angels, & they long to look into this & see this! This amazes them!

- **Lk. 1:19:** the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, & I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news."

- **Lk. 15:10:** I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

- **Rev. 5:9-12:** they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll & to open its seals, for you were slain, & by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe & language & people & nation, & you have made them a kingdom & priests to our God, & they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked, & I heard around the throne & the living creatures & the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads & thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power & wealth & wisdom & might & honor & glory & blessing!"

- **Carl Robbins:** Picture of angelic interest in the old covenant: The ark of the covenant; The center of Israel's redemptive life; Behind the curtain in the holy of holies; On the ark was the mercy seat; Once a year – day of atonement – sprinkle the blood of the lamb; When God looked down on His law He saw the blood of the lamb; Each end of the ark had two winged angels looking down in interest & wonder on the mercy seat that was sprinkled by the blood of the spotless lamb!

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Christ Jesus Is Your Great Salvation
Chosen Seed Before Creation
Prophesied The Incarnation
Through Christ's Spirit Operation
The Cross Foretold – His Condemnation
He Suffered, Died, Bore Your Damnation
This Is Called Propitiation

He Rose Up For Justification
His Glories Praise With Adoration
It's All Good News For Celebration
Jesus Saves From Every Nation
Amazes Angels – Inspiration
What A Savior – Great Salvation!