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***1st Peter – Always Be Prepared***

***Lesson 2***

***I. Chapter 1:2– “Our Trinitarian Salvation”***

A. Christian Salvation is directly related to all three persons of the Trinity

B. God has revealed to man in Scripture that He is three persons who share one divine essence

1. A “person” is a thinking, willing center of consciousness

2. Within the Godhead there are three individual centers of consciousness

3. Each person is fully conscious of Himself as distinct from the other two and exists in eternal interpersonal relationship with the other two

A. Christians often refer to these three persons as… The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

C. Christians have been chosen for salvation through certain redemptive activities that are unique to each of the three persons of the Trinity.

D. The Distinctive Works of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit

1. We are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.

A. Acts 2:23 and Romans 8:29

B. He foreknew that we would fulfill the conditions He has specified for receiving the forgiveness of sins

1. Even before we were created He knew who would obey the Gospel (the plan)

2. The Sanctifying Work of the Holy Spirit

A. We are chosen in connection with the sanctifying work of God the Spirit

B. To Sanctify means to “separate from” or “to set apart from”

C. There are two aspects of this sanctification – both of which are accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit

1. Initial Sanctification 🡪 Col. 1:13 & 1st Cor. 6:11

A. The Spirit sets us apart from the kingdom of this world and enrolls us in the Kingdom of Christ

B. The Spirit accomplishes this through His work of regeneration (spiritual resurrection)

C. We are given a new identity, thus sanctifying (separating) us from the unbelieving world

2. Progressive Sanctification 🡪 1st Thess. 5:22 & 1st Peter 1:15-16

A. Aiding the Christian in separating more and more from sin itself by making us holy as God is holy in our character and our conduct

B. This is accomplished through His indwelling presence where He provides us with the spiritual and moral power to overcome sin and obey the law commands of the NT age.

C. Here in 1st Peter… He is telling us we have been chosen to live this holy life.

3. We are chosen for two things in relationship to God the Son…

A. First, we are chosen for the purpose of obedience to Jesus Christ.

1. Peter literally says… “we are chosen unto obedience.”

2. John 14:15 and Ephesians 2:10

B. Second, we have been chosen for the purpose of being sprinkled with the blood of Christ

1. The act of being justified or forgiven of our sins through our trust in the atoning blood of Christ

2. Under the Law of Moses, those who were ceremonially unclean were sprinkled with the blood of sacrificed animals to restore ceremonial cleanness.

3. Hebrews 10:22 and Hebrews 12:24

***II. Chapter 1:3 – “Born Again!”***

A. Peter continues in the opening words of his letter and calls attention to one of the glorious aspects of the salvation package that God has bestowed upon us, namely, the new birth.

B. Peter states… “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ…”

1. The Greek word for Blessed is “eulogetos” from which we get eulogy.

A. The verb form of this means… “to speak well of someone, to praise someone.”

B. The basic idea of blessing God is to thank Him and to praise Him.

C. Psalm 16:7 and Psalm 34:1 and Psalm 103:1

C. The Lord Jesus Christ…

1. ***Jesus*** is his name. “Jesus” is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, which means “Yahweh is Salvation.”

A. This name refers to Jesus’ purpose and work as Savior.

2. ***Christ*** is one of the main titles of Jesus.

A. It is the same as the Hebrew “Messiah” which means the “anointed one.”

B. This title embraces the specific roles Jesus fulfilled namely… Prophet, Priest, and King.

1. Prophet: The Revealer of Truth

2. Priest: One who offered himself as the sacrifice for sin

3. King: One who rules all things with all authority.

3. ***Lord*** is another main title used for Jesus.

A. Acts 10:36…. Jesus is Lord of All.

B. Peter makes this personal… He is OUR Lord 🡪 He owns us, we are his slaves (Doulos)

C. We must personally make the same confession that the Apostle Thomas did once he was convinced of Jesus’ Resurrection: “My Lord and My God!” (John 20:28)

D. What does is mean to be “born again” and what is the “new birth”?

1. The new birth is directly linked to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit specifically in regards to progressive sanctification.

2. At the moment of our baptism into Christ – the Holy Spirit entered our hearts as God imparted new spiritual life to us.

A. The Spirit has imparted new life and a new beginning to us, and began to work a supernatural healing within our sin-sick souls. This was the moment when we were “born again.”

B. It is the beginning point and prerequisite for the ongoing process of becoming more and more holy 🡪 i.e. progressive sanctification.

C. A new birth gives us…

1. A New Name

2. A New Family

3. A New Purpose

4. A New Goal for Living

3. Romans 6:4-5 and Col. 2:12-13

E. The Cause of the “New Birth”

1. It is a work of God alone.

A. Being reborn a child of God is not of any human source but of God.

B. John 3:3-5… An Act of God.

1. Water refers to baptism by immersion as the time when regeneration occurs.

2. Spirit refers to the Holy Spirit, who is the specific agent or cause of the regenerating new birth.

2. Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead…

A. It is God the Holy Spirit who applies this “power of His resurrection” to souls dead in their sin in order to give them redemptive resurrection.

B. It is the power of an indestructible life that infuses new life into our souls and bodies, sustains the living church in the midst of a dying world, and offers hope for the new creation to come.

1. This is the POWER of HIS resurrection.[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. Entire Lesson pulled from: Studies in 1st Peter – Dr. Jack Cottrell. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)