



A Pilgrim People! A Privileged People!

God has started us on a salvation journey,
and will be with us all the way to our final destination.

1 Peter 1:1-2, ESV & NLT

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles...
I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners...

The Salvation Of Privileged People
1 Peter 1:1-12

- Our salvation comes from three Persons! (1-2)
- Our salvation viewed from three perspectives! (3, 6, 10-12)
- Our salvation experienced in three tenses! (2-9)

Salvation From Three Persons
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

The entire Trinity is involved in the work of saving us!

1 Peter 1:1-2, NIV

To God's elect, exiles...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood.

Salvation From Three Perspectives

1. We, the privileged people, look up as joyful worshipers!

1 Peter 1:3 & 6, NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!...In all this you greatly rejoice...

Salvation From Three Perspectives

2. The Old Testament prophets looked forward as earnest detectives!

1 Peter 1:10-11, NIV

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

Salvation From Three Perspectives

3. The angels in heaven look down as fascinated spectators!

1 Peter 1:12, NLT

It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

Luke 15:10, NIV

...I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Salvation In Three Tenses

- **Past Tense:** We have already been saved!
- **Present Tense:** We are still in the process of being saved!
- **Future Tense:** We haven't yet been saved—but will be!

All three statements are biblically true!

Past Tense Salvation

Here is how and why we have already been saved!

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth...

Present Tense Salvation

While on our journey home, we have a Heart Of Patient Expectation—i.e. H.O.P.E.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

1 Peter 3:15, NIV

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Present Tense Salvation

While on our journey home, we have the assurance of God's protective custody!

Even when becoming more like Jesus puts us on the road marked with suffering!

1 Peter 1:1, 5-6, NIV

To God's elect, exiles...who through faith are shielded by God's power...though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Future Tense Salvation

We have not yet been saved—but finally will be when we arrive home and receive our family inheritance!

1 Peter 1:3-5, NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope... and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
