

# *A Heavenly Inheritance*

## **I Peter 1:3-12**

I Peter 2

### **Introduction**

The world puts its hope in things that can die, be destroyed, decay, or deteriorate.

In this passage Peter reminds us that what we, as Christians, place our trust in is not this way.

**(Read I Peter 1:3-12)**

#### **I. How We Are Kept**

**(Read vs. 3)**

We are kept securely- incorruptibly, undefiled, and we are reserved.

Kept = to be garrisoned by an army.

Worldly hope is wishful thinking. Our hope is based on a person- the living and resurrected Christ.

Because Jesus overcame death, He promises that we too will overcome it.

Therefore we can literally risk our lives daily for Christ. We can face life boldly and without fear.

#### **II. How We Process Trials**

**(Read vs. 6-9)**

We will still face trials, but how we handle them are different.

We should not be grieved by them. For us, sorrow is superficial- or not lasting. Joy will be central.

For the non-Christian, gladness is superficial and sorrow is central.

We have praise and honor (crowns) and glory as a result of our suffering. We have the promise of salvation and eternity to look forward to. We can look for joy inexpressible.

### III. **The Promises of God's Word**

**(Read vs. 10-12)**

Our hope rests on the promises of God's Word. As New Testament Christians we understand the Word better than the Old Testament prophets.

Numbers 24:17- ***I look into the future, And I see the nation of Israel. A king, like a bright star, will arise in that nation. Like a comet he will come from Israel. He will strike the leaders of Moab And beat down all the people of Seth.***

Hebrews 11:13- ***It was in faith that all these persons died. They did not receive the things God had promised, but from a long way off they saw them and welcomed them, and admitted openly that they were foreigners and refugees on earth.***

We know more about grace because of Christ's sufferings and His glory.

Jesis fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies.

The Holy Spirit has secured each word of Scripture.

**(Read vs 11)**

The Bible tells about coming events in such a way that even the angels are curious about it.

**(Read vs 12)**

This shows the Bible's inspiration.

## **Conclusion**

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**(Read vs 2)**

Christians are chosen for salvation not because of who they are, what they have done, or what they might do, but because of God's endless grace and compassion.

Election does not mean God is a mean overlord who chooses some and rejects others.

It does not cancel out our responsibility and make us puppets.

God's choosing demonstrates His grace.

In election we must still choose to trust in Jesus.

We respond to God's choosing by choosing Him and choosing to live holy lives.

We do all of this because of what Jesus did for us, and because of the hope we have in God and His Word.

*Sing- My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust in anything else, but wholly lean on Jesus' name-- sing with me- On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

And all of this hope is based on the Word!

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**Possible Answers:** respond, cancel, secured, sorrow, wishful, die, securely, handle, Word, chosen, grace, choose, mean, Jesus, central, army

