



The Epistles of Peter
1 Peter 1:10-12 & 23-25
From Sermon 10.12.25

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Overview from Sunday's sermon: To even better equip us readers for trials in this Christian life, Peter next reminds us of the means by which we are saved: the life, death, and person of Jesus Christ. We are born again, not by human means or false religion, but by the power of the Holy Spirit who revealed the Gospel. If we have divine origins, we also have divine life. God progressively unveiled the details of redemption throughout the Scriptures, fulfilled them all in Christ, and now proclaims Him through the Church.

1. What is the doctrine of Inspiration? God spoke in His written Word by a process of dual authorship. The Holy Spirit so superintended the human authors that, through their individual personalities and different styles of writing, they composed and recorded God's Word to man without error in whole or in part.

See also 2 Peter 1:21 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1a. How does that differ from the secular definition of inspiration? In common language, inspiration means an idea or action motivated initiated by an outside cause. The Bible writers were not motivated to write down their ideas and theories. They were divinely directed to every word, letter, and doctrine.

2. God the Holy Spirit has Peter camp here on *the Gospel* that brings salvation. Was Christ's coming, life, death, and resurrection Plan B? When was the plan of redemption originated? Before man was created.

See also Revelation 13:8 & Ephesians 1:4-5

2a. He reminds his readers that this has been God's revealed plan all along. When was God-provided redemption first mentioned? At the fall of man. See also Genesis 3:15.

3. Can anyone be saved outside of the Gospel? No. Only the Gospel reveals the true Jesus Christ and the truth of salvation. Jesus is the Word made flesh. The Bible alone reveals sinful man and Holy God.

4. While the plan for redemption has always been, the Old Testament prophets only got bits and pieces. The New Testament brings it all together. Review the following passages and note what specific redemption details that prophet was given.

- Genesis 49:8 & 10—Judah, not Reuben, would be the chosen tribe of Messiah's royal lineage.
- Deuteronomy 18:17-18—God would raise up a prophet who would speak as God with power.
- Isaiah 53:4-6—the Deliverer would be a suffering servant...bearing the guilt of the elect.
- Daniel 9:25-26—Messiah would come after Israel was re-established in the Land. Messiah dies.
- Psalms 22:14-18—the Redeemer would die by crucifixion.
- Psalms 16:10—the Christ would not see corruption from the grave. He would resurrect.

5. In the past, God spoke through the prophets and then through Jesus. How would God speak after the cross, to start the Church, and throughout the Age of Grace? First through the Apostles, then through a completed, closed Bible, followed by called/equipped preachers and teachers. No more Word is coming.

6. How does the immutability and endurance of the Word of God bring you peace and comfort? Various Personal Answers