

**“From Insecurity to Security ...
God’s Provision of Salvation is Secure”**



1 Peter 1:3-5

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Introduction: Does the best security system guarantee no loss?

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

As committed followers of Jesus, 1st century or the 21st century, we can have security because ...

I. God Provides Entry into Our Secure Salvation, v.3-4.

v.3 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 ...

A. What we have is:

1. From God.

2. New birth.

• Our Salvation:

- *Jn. 3:3* ~ “no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again”
- *2 Cor.5:17* ~ “the new creation has come”
- *Eph.2:5* ~ “made us alive”
- *Jm. 1:18* ~ “he chose to give us birth”
- *Eph.2:10* ~ “created in Christ Jesus”

- *Jn.1:13* ~ children born not of ... a husband’s will, but “born of God.”

B. Why we have this: Because of His mercy.

1. Our salvation is based on God’s character of mercy.
2. Our salvation demonstrates a need.

Eph.2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

3. Our salvation cannot be earned.

Eph.2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Tit.3:5 ... he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit ...

C. The result of what we have:

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1. It brings us into hope.

a. The kind of hope: A living hope.

b. The basis for this hope: The resurrection of Jesus Christ.

2. It brings us into an inheritance.

⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...

a. This is valuable.

1) It is “unperishable.”

2) It is “unspoilable.”

3) It is “unfading.”

b. It is kept secure for us.

D. Application: What gets us through ...

II. God Provides Protection, v.5.

⁵ 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.

A. What we have: His protection.

B. How we have this:

1. Through our faith.

Eph.6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes... ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground ...

Eph. 6:16 take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

2. By the power of God.

C. Why we have this: To see the believer to completion.

⁵ 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.

1. The New Testament speaks of salvation in three ways:

a. Past tense.

b. Present tense.

c. Future tense.

2. Our salvation is completed when Jesus comes again!

Rm.13:11 ... The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here...

Heb.9:28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

D. Application:

The obvious question: “Why are Christians suffering if God promises protection?”

Conclusion: What is the grand conclusion?

1. What are you trusting in for your security?

2. How will you stand for Christ this week?