



"Satisfaction in the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation" (Part 4)

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1 Peter 1:3-5



3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance [that is] incorruptible and undefiled and unfading which is kept in

heaven for you **5** who are being guarded by the power of God, through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

– 1 Peter 1:3-5, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

* Perseverance and Preservation

"Those whom God has accepted in His beloved . . . can neither totally or finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end and be eternally saved."[1646 Westminster Confession of Faith, Article 17]

". . . in all of the passages where continuing to believe in Christ to the end of our lives is mentioned as one indication of genuine faith, the purpose is never to make those who are presently trusting in Christ worry that some time in the future they might fall away (and we should never use these passages that way either, for that would be to give wrongful cause for worry in a way that Scripture does not intend). Rather, the purpose is always to warn those who are thinking of falling away or have fallen away that if they do this it is a strong indication that they were never saved in the first place. Thus, the necessity for continuing in faith should just be used as a warning against falling away, a warning that those who fall away give evidence that their faith was never real." [Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 793-94]

I. The Elements of the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation (3-9)

"The Sovereign mercy of God fuels the sovereign joy of our salvation"

A. It was Prompted by God's Great Mercy (3a)

B. It is Accomplished Through Our New Birth (3b)

1. A New Birth that Gives us Hope for the Present (3c)

2. A New Birth that Gives us an Inheritance for the Future (4)

Parallel Ideas?	
Verses 1-2	Verses 3-4
[chosen] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father (1:1b-2a)	according to His great mercy (1:3a)
with the sanctification of the Spirit (1:2b)	has caused us to be born again (1:3b)
for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling with His blood (1:2c)	to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1:3c)
May grace and peace be multiplied to you (1:2d)	to an inheritance [that is] incorruptible and undefiled and unfading kept in heaven for you (1:4)

God's purposes for God's people will result in the fulfillment of God's promises

C. It is Preserved by God's Power (5a)

1. Through Present Faith (5b)

2. For Future and Final Salvation (5c)

Conclusion