



"Satisfaction in the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation" (Part 1)

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1 Peter 1:3a



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

I. Back to the Drawing Board (vv. 1-2)

A. The Author (who wrote 1 Peter?)

1. Modern objections to "Petrine" authorship

a. Argument based on language

(1) Peter wrote in the **G**_____ language

b. Argument Based on **D**_____ of writing

c. Argument Based on **S**_____ of writing (too much like Paul)

d. Argument Based on the "Muratorian Canon"

2. Date and Place of Writing

B. The Audience (to whom was 1 Peter written?)

C. The Atmosphere (what were the circumstances of writing?)

1. Twin Themes of Hurting and Hope . . .

Hope is in our salvation (1:1c-6a)	Hurting is only for a little while (1:6b, 5:10)
Hope results in joy (1:6a, 8-9)	Hurting was experienced by Jesus on our behalf (1:11, 2:21, 4:1)
Hope is why Jesus came for us (1:20-21)	Hurting believers are cared for by God (5:7)
Hope results in Holiness and Obedience (1:14-15)	Hurting is to be Expected (4:12)
Hope results in Love (1:22)	Hurting as a Christian is Noble (3:14, 4:14-15)

II. The Connection to 1:3-9

A. Hope in The Sovereign Source of Our Salvation (1:2)

1. Selected by the Father (1:2a)
2. Sanctified by the Spirit (1:2b)
3. Saved for Service by the Son (1:2c)

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

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)

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

1. Through Present Faith (5b)
2. For Future and Final Salvation (5c)

D. It will be Evidenced by Persevering Faith (6-9)

1. A Persevering Faith That:

- a. Results in Joy (6a)
- b. Stands the Test of Trials (6b-7)
- c. Loves The Lord (whom we have not seen) (8a)
- d. Believes in The Lord (whom we don't see) (8b)
- e. Is the Means to Final Salvation (9)

Conclusion