

1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who foretold the grace that would come to you searched and investigated carefully, ¹¹ trying to determine the time and setting to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they foretold the things now announced by those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Berean Study Bible

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the prophets sought out, and investigated diligently,
the grace that was prophesied for you;
¹¹ inquiring into the circumstances and timing that was being made clear,
by the Spirit of Christ in them
when He predicted Christ's sufferings and the glories that follow.
¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you.
These things have been proclaimed to you
by those who preached the Gospel to you
by the Holy Spirit, sent from Heaven.
Angels desire to look into these things.

My own translation

1

Do you know what prophets do? 1 Peter 1:10-12

Prophets were inspired. 11b "Spirit... in them"

Prophecy is about Jesus. 11c "...of Christ"

"sufferings of Christ"

"glories to follow"

Prophecy is motivated by grace. 10c "grace"

Prophets were inquisitive. 10b, 11a "investigated... inquiring"

Prophecy is for our benefit. 10c, 12a "for you... you"

Prophecy needs to be proclaimed. 12 "proclaimed"

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How to read prophecy. 1 Peter 1:10-12

Prophecy requires diligence. 10b “investigated diligently”
Prophecy promotes grace. 10c “grace that was prophesied”
Prophecy involves two human authors.
 The human author. 10b “the prophets sought out”
 The Divine author. 11b “the Spirit of Christ in them”
Prophecy is principally about Jesus. 11
 His suffering on earth. 11c “sufferings of Christ”
 His celebration in glory. 11c “glories to follow”
Prophecy is for today. 12
 Prophecy becomes the Gospel. 12c “the Gospel to you”
 Prophecy parallels preaching. 12b “preached... proclaimed”

3

This book was written with me in mind. 1 Peter 1:10-12

The Bible has parts, hard to understand. 10
 God’s Word requires study by me. 10 “investigated diligently”
 God’s Word offers grace to me. 10 “grace... for you”
The Bible is about what Jesus has done for me. 11
 Jesus paid for my sin. 11 “sufferings of Christ”
 Jesus prepares for my triumph. 11 “glories to follow”
The Bible is full of good news for me. 12
 Scripture prepares me for the best life on earth. 12 “Gospel”
 Scripture prepares me for the best life for ever. 12 “Heaven”

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Understanding the Bible in 3 easy steps. 1 Peter 1:10-12

How we got the Bible.
 The writers were inspired. 11 “Spirit of Christ in them”
 The writers investigated. 10 “investigated diligently”
How we read the Bible.
 The tragedy of Christ. 11 “sufferings of Christ”
 The triumph of Christ. 11 “glories to follow”
How we respond to the Bible.
 Listen to the Gospel. 12 “the Gospel to you”
 Look with the angels. 12 “Angels desire to look”

What is that thing in your life? 1 Peter 1:10-12

Salvation promised.

Scripture is inspired. 11 “Spirit of Christ in them”

Scripture is inquired. 10 “investigated diligently”

Salvation performed.

Christ’s suffering for sin. 11 “sufferings of Christ”

Christ’s ascension to glory. 11 “glories to follow”

Salvation proclaimed.

The Gospel is clear to understand. 12 “proclaimed to you”

The Gospel requires a response. 12 “preached the Gospel”

Never let the extraordinary become ordinary. 1 Peter 1:10-12

Salvation is no surprise. 1:10-11

Scripture reminds us of our past.

Scripture reassures us of our future.

Salvation is by suffering. 1:11

Jesus was killed to take our death.

Jesus was raised to give us life.

Salvation is by the Spirit. 1:12

The Holy Spirit brings conviction to the sinner.

The Holy Spirit brings consecration to the saint.

No surprises. 1 Peter 1:10-12

Prophesied. 10 προφητεύσαντες, Aorist verb of προφητεύω [Strong's 4395]

foretell, tell forth, prophesy

Predicted. 11 προμαρτυρόμενον, of the verb προμαρτύρομαι [Strong's 4303]

say beforehand, predict, testify (only use of this word in the New Testament)

Proclaimed. 12 ἀνηγγέλη, of the verb ἀναγγέλλω [Strong's 312]

to tell all the way up, report, announce, declare.

Preached. 12 εὐαγγελισαμένων, of the verb εὐαγγελίζω [Strong's 2097]

to announce good news, preach good tidings, proclaim the good message

Saved, but so what? 1 Peter 1:10-12

Search the Scriptures. 10a “investigated diligently”

Read the Bible for your heart (devotionally)

Read the Bible for your head (studiously)

Enjoy the grace. 10b “the grace that was prophesied for you”

Accept God’s good gifts (self-knowledge)

Use God’s good gifts (servant-hearted)

Focus on Christ. 11 “the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing”

Worship Jesus, Saviour. “sufferings of Christ”

Worship Jesus, Lord. “the glories to follow”

Serve others. 12 “not serving themselves but you”

Jesus changes my life on earth. 12b “preached the Gospel”

Jesus changes my life in eternity. 12b “sent from Heaven”

‘The best book to read is the Bible’, here’s why. 1 Peter 1:10-12

The Bible is a book with a past. 10-11

The Bible has been proved accurate to the sceptic

The Bible has been proved precise to the scholar

The Bible has been proved reliable to the seeker

The Bible is a book for the present. 12

The Bible preaches eternal life to the sinner

The Bible proclaims abundant life to the saved

The Bible predicts forever life with the Saviour

Salvation’s plan. 1 Peter 1:10-12

God had a plan for me from eternity. 1:10

God’s plan was thoroughly prepared. 10a “investigated diligently”

God’s plan was for my good. 10c “grace”

God’s plan was for me, personally. 10c “for you” + v12

God had a plan for me in history. 1:11

God’s plan was perfectly orchestrated. 11a “circumstances and timing”

My debt was perfectly paid off. 11b “Christ’s sufferings”

Christ's death was perfectly satisfying. 11c "glories that follow"

God has a plan for me for today. 1:12

God's plan addresses my need. 12a "serving you"

God's plan is good news for me. 12b-c "proclaimed... Gospel to you"

God's plan keeps getting better. 12d "Holy Spirit... Heaven"

11 – [Leaders / Business devotion](#)

Strategic planning – a top-down perspective. 1 Peter 1:10-12

Have a plan that can be scrutinised. 1:10

Have a plan that can be rigorously examined. 10b "investigated diligently"

Have a plan with win:win outcomes. 10c "grace... for you"

Have a plan that can succeed. 1:11

Have a plan that manages debt. 11c "predicted Christ's sufferings"

Have a plan that maximises assets. 11c "glories that follow"

Have a plan that serves. 1:12

Have a plan that does good for your clients. 12c "Gospel to you"

Have a plan that is good for the future. 12d "Heaven"

12 – [Youth devotion](#)

Your life is bigger and better than you think. 1 Peter 1:10-12

God's plan for your life is bigger than it looks. 10a "salvation"

God's plan for your life can be discovered. 10b "investigated diligently"

God's plan for your life overcomes negatives. 11c "Christ's sufferings"

God's plan for your life is because Jesus wins. 11c "glories that follow"

God's plan for your life is centred in the Gospel. 12c "Gospel to you"

God's plan for your life is good for you, now. 12d "by the Holy Spirit"

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Good plan. Good news. 1 Peter 1:10-12

The start of God's plan. 1:10-11a

God's plan for my life is positive. 10a "salvation"

God's plan for my life is knowable. 10b "sought out and..."

God's plan for my life is generous. 10c "grace... for you"

The centre of God's plan. 1:11

God's plan is centred on Jesus, not me. 11b-c "Christ... Christ's"

God's plan requires Jesus to suffer. 11c "sufferings"
God's plan results in Jesus' glory. 11c "glories that follow"

The success of God's plan. 1:12

God's plan benefits me. 12a "serving... you"
God's plan transforms me. 12c "the Gospel"
God's plan assists me. 12d "by the Holy Spirit"

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God's big plan for everything. 1 Peter 1:10-12

The universe does not exist for my pleasure, but for God's glory.

There is a plan for creation. 1:10

God's plan has been declared. 10a "salvation"
God's plan can be discovered. 10b "sought out..."
God's plan is all delight. 10c "grace... for you"

The plan centred on Jesus. 1:11

God's plan uses perfect timing. 11a "circumstances and timing"
God's plan depends on Christ's sufferings. 11c "Christ's sufferings"
God's plan concludes with Christ's glory. 11c "glories that follow"

The plan does include me. 1:12

God's plan is to benefit me. 12a "serving... you"
God's plan is known to me. 12b "proclaimed to you"
God's plan is Good News for me. 12c "Gospel to you"

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Why? Why should I bother? 1 Peter 1:10-12

Why should I bother with an ancient book? 1:10

I should bother because my life depends on it. 10a "this salvation"
I should bother because it explains my life. 10b "investigated diligently"
I should bother because it benefits my life. 10c "grace... for you"

Why should I bother with ancient history? 1:11

I should bother because it explains everything. 11a "made clear"
I should bother because Jesus frees me from negatives. 11b "sufferings"
I should bother because Jesus gives me only positives. 11c "glories"

What significance does it have today? 1:12

I should bother because I benefit today. 12a "serving... you"
I should bother because I need to know. 12b "proclaimed to you"
I should bother because I need a home. 12d "Holy Spirit... Heaven"

Other possible titles

Of interest to angels

Prophecy 101

Prophets and Prophecies

I'm concerned about your salvation, 10a

The purpose of prophecy

Prophets (10-12a) and preachers (12) are your servants (12)

This is why you can trust the Bible

A look at what angels look at

Quotes and illustrations

Quotes about the Bible

The Bible contains truth found nowhere else. Human reason may discover certain truths about God. But the revealed truth of the Bible exceeds these so as to defy comparison. One may exhaust the meaning of the contents of other books, but not that of the Bible.
– Herschel Hobbs

The canon is not an authorized collection of writings (in that the church conferred its authority or approval upon a list of books). Rather, the canon is a collection of authoritative writings... that have an inherent authority as works uniquely inspired by God. Canonization is the process of recognizing that inherent authority, not bestowing it from an outside source. – Robert Plummer

The Bible is a supernatural, spiritual, sovereign, surviving, sustaining, super-charged book about my Saviour. – Adrian Rogers

Precious Bible! What a treasure
Does the Word of God afford!
All I want for life or pleasure,
Food and Medicine, shield and sword;
Let the world account me poor;
Christ and this, I need no more. – John Newton

Trusting testimony is not an irrational act of faith that leaves critical rationality aside; it is, on the contrary, the rationally appropriate way of responding to authentic testimony. Gospels understood as testimony are the entirely appropriate means of access to the historical reality of Jesus. – Richard Bauckham

The New Testament is filled with accounts of miracles that Jesus performed during the course of his ministry. Scientific mistrust of the Bible began with the Enlightenment belief that miracles cannot be reconciled to a modern, rational view of the world. Armed with this presupposition, scholars turned to the Bible and said, "The Biblical accounts can't be reliable because they contain descriptions of miracles." The premise

behind such a claim is “Science has proven that there is no such thing as miracles.” But embedded in such a statement is a leap of faith. It is one thing to say that science is only equipped to test for natural causes and cannot speak to any others. It is quite another to insist that science proves that no other causes could possibly exist. – Tim Keller

If Christianity is false it cannot be saved by theology, if it is true it cannot be destroyed by science. – E Y Mullins

The Bible is the Word of God given in the words of people in history. – George E Ladd

Critics and sceptics have attacked and assailed the Bible for thousands of years. We should rejoice in their attacks, and we should invite them to try again, because all their assaults have proved fruitless. Those failed attacks by the Bible’s most aggressive haters have displayed again and again, the Bible is utterly reliable. No fault has ever been found. No mistake has ever been discovered. No error has ever been disclosed. From cover to cover, the Word of God is indeed completely true. Jesus Christ, whom it proclaims, is indeed Creator, Redeemer, Lord, and coming King. Within its pages you will indeed find eternal life in Glory, and abundant living now! – Ian Duncan

Quotes about grace

When you are spiritually connected, you are not looking for occasions to be offended, and you are not judging and labelling others. You are in a state of grace in which you know you are connected to God and thus free from the effects of anyone or anything external to yourself. – Wayne Dyer

If in prayer, I come before a throne of grace, the faults of my prayer will be overlooked. – Charles Spurgeon

God's mercy and grace give me hope - for myself, and for our world. – Billy Graham

We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers. – Lucius Annaeus Seneca

You don’t really know Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you have. – Tim Keller

Quotes about the suffering of Christ

He who desires to go on advancing from virtue to virtue, from grace to grace, should meditate continually on the Passion of Jesus... there is no practice more profitable for the entire sanctification of the soul than the frequent meditation of the sufferings of Jesus Christ. – Bonaventure (1221 – 1274)

Christmas and Easter can be subjects for poetry, but Good Friday, like Auschwitz, cannot. The reality is so horrible it is not surprising that people should have found it a stumbling block to faith. — W H Auden

Our crucifixes exhibit the pain, but they veil, perhaps necessarily, the obscenity: but the death of the God-Man was both. — Charles Williams

The real truth is that while He came to preach the Gospel, His chief object in coming was that there might be a Gospel to preach. — Robert William Dale

Quotes about the glories of Christ

I wish I could say that everything I do is for God's glory but I can't. And neither can you. What I can say is Jesus' blood covers all my efforts to glorify myself. — Tullian Tchividjian

One of the greatest privileges the believer has, both in this world and for eternity, is to behold the glory of Christ. — John Owen

Make up your mind that to behold the glory of God by beholding the glory of Christ is the greatest privilege which is given to believers in this life. This is the dawning of heaven. It is the first taste of that heavenly glory which God has prepared for us, for this is eternal life, to know the Father and Jesus Christ whom he has sent. — John Owen

Commentary

The structure of these verses follows a loose Step Parallelism:

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ἀναγγέλλω [Strong's 312] a verb with 14 occurrences in the New Testament, including only once in 1 & 2 Peter, in 1 Peter 1:12, meaning 'to bring back word, report, announce, declare'. A composite word from ἀνά [Strong's 303] meaning 'up, completing a process', plus ἀγγέλω [Strong's 31b] announce, report (angel). Hence, 'tell all the way up, thorough report', completely declare.'

Music and songs

Songs about salvation

A wonderful Saviour (He hideth my soul). H 625
And can it be... Amazing love. H 377
Are you washed in the blood? H 640

Salvation belongs to our God. 620
Have you any room for Jesus? CWH 108
I am not skilled to understand... my Saviour. CH 209
I stand amazed (My Saviour's love). CH 378
I'm not ashamed... At the cross. H 732
Jesus keep me near the cross. H 665
King of my life... lead me to Calvary. H 666
Would you be free... there's power in the blood. H 715
Years I spent in vanity... A Calvary. H 716

Songs about Scripture

Ancient words ever true. Ot 94
Every promise of Your Word.
So many books (Michael Card) Ot 81
The Book (Michael Card). (Item)
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet. Ot 63

Songs about Christ's suffering

Alas and did my Saviour bleed. H
Consider Christ. Ot 2
Gethsame (Getty)
It's about the cross. Ot 54
It's Your blood. 566
Marks of the cross (Petra)
O sacred head now wounded. H 152
O to see the dawn... power of the cross. Ot 62
Power of Your love. 621
Take me to the cross. 671
When I survey the wondrous cross. H 154

Songs about Christ's glory

Above all. TS 611
Crown Him with many crowns. H 180
Greatness of our God (Newsboys)
In my life Lord, be glorified, 5 / SiS 577
Jesus Name above all names. SiS 226
Jesus shall reign where'r the sun. H 184
King of Kings and Lord of lords. SiS 409
Let Your Kingdom come. Ot 12
Lord I lift Your Name on high. 736
Power and the glory of Your Name. Ot 24

Songs about angels

All night, all day, angels watching over me.
This world is not my home... The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Ian makes small boats. What is something that you have made that turned out well, or was a disaster? If you knew it would be a success, what would you like to make?
 2. Good Friday looks like a disaster. Using non-religious terms explain why Easter is a great success.
 3. Read Hebrews 7:25. What do you think could be meant by the words, “save completely”?
 4. What does grace do for me? Ephesians 2:7-8, 2 Corinthians 12:8-9, Hebrews 13:9.
 5. What should be some noticeable effects of the Gospel in my life? Philippians 1:27, Romans 16:25, 2 Thessalonians 2:14.
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