***All Things New:* New-Life Lessons from the Apostle Peter’s First Letter**

**New Life: Salvation**

**Do you realize what has happened to you?**

**1 Peter 1:1-12**

The Apostle Peter is in awe of the amazing salvation God has provided, and wants us to praise Him for it. . .

***Our salvation is rooted in our sovereign God. vv. 1, 2***

Father, Son, and Spirit covenanted together in eternity past for us to be saved through the death of Jesus Christ.

***Our salvation is energized by God’s own life within us. v. 3***

Jesus’ resurrection is foundational for our new birth, and both are empowered by God’s life.

***Our salvation is eternally secure. vv. 4, 5***

While faith is the conduit for our salvation, it has a seven-fold guarantee of its completion (It is a legacy, eternal, incorruptible, undiminished, guarded, celestial, and personal).

***Our salvation is proven by trials endured in joy. vv. 6-9***

Our present rejoicing in our trials is a precursor to our final deliverance from our trials, because of our love for Christ.

***Our salvation has been the subject of the prophets and envy of the angels! vv. 10-12***

God’s plan of redemption is a carefully-crafted and gradually-revealed design which the prophets proclaimed but at the time did not fully understand, since it involved both the suffering AND the glorification of Messiah (which seemed impossible).

***Applying Truth to Life: Saved! Now what?***

First. . . Discovery. We do not automatically know or understand all that God has done for us in Jesus, and that is why Peter’s grand display is so valuable. We can live in isolation, and even desperation, when we do not know and/or apply our rightful blessings, much as a lost heir might miss out on his inheritance because he never knew his bloodline.

1 Corinthians 2:6-12

Second. . . Assurance. We make certain by cross-checking our loves and our motives. Is your faith in Christ alone? What is most important to you? How do you spend your money? Time? Are you growing in grace? Is your desire to be holy? Is Jesus real to you, or merely an historical figure? If we are His, then our relationship with Him is the priority in our life.

2 Peter 1:3-11

Third. . . Trust. Notice that we are kept by the power of God BY FAITH. Faith is not passive, but rather the vital connection we have with God’s promises. By grace through faith we are saved; by grace through faith we walk with God.

Ephesians 2:1-10