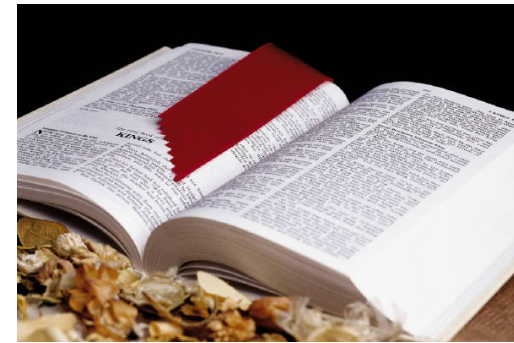


Living Insight

What is the goal of our faith? Peter identifies it as the salvation of our souls. There are at least three different aspects of our salvation in Christ. We have a point in time when we first receive salvation (our past). There is also the ultimate fulfillment of our salvation when we will be in heaven with the Lord (our future). Peter mentioned one other aspect of our salvation when he said that we were receiving the goal of our faith. Salvation is also progressive and it must be lived out faithfully in our present. Let's get with it.

~ Through His Grace, Mercy & Power,

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Sermon Outline

The Goal of Our Faith

1 Peter 1:8-9

Date: Sunday, April 13, 2014

Time: 6:00 P.M.

The Goal of Our Faith



I. Introduction: How do you feel about your life now?

- A. There may be some mixed emotions.
 - 1. Many people are indifferent & inactive.
 - 2. Some people may be concerned & confused.
 - 3. A few of us are excited & enthusiastic!
- B. Peter saw his life in a brand new way.
 - 1. He could have become a complete failure.
~ *Luke 22:60-62*
 - 2. He had turned an important corner in his life.
 - 3. The goal of our faith is right around the corner.
- C. The salvation of our souls is multifaceted.
 - 1. There is a ***past element*** to our salvation.
 - 2. There is also a ***future element*** to our salvation.
 - 3. There is (finally) a ***progressive element*** to it.

II. Body: We are Receiving the Goal of Our Faith.

- A. How is salvation a past event? ~ *Acts 2:36-41*
 - 1. ***“Save yourselves from this generation.”***
 - 2. We must gladly receive, be baptized & be added to the church.
 - 3. Salvation is more than a past event.
- B. In what way is salvation a future event?
 - 1. Salvation, glory & honor belong to God.
~ *Revelation 19, 20 & 21 (& 22)*
 - 2. We will be saved from the wrath of God!
- C. How is our salvation progressive?
 - 1. We keep loving the Lord through our trials.
 - 2. Our faith actually grows stronger during tests.
 - 3. Our joy remains consistent through the trials.

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- 4. We work out our salvation with fear and trembling. ~ *Philippians 2:12*

III. Conclusion: How do we respond?

- A. We want to make sure that we are in Christ.
 - 1. We are told to examine ourselves.
 - 2. Are we in the faith? ~ *2 Corinthians 13:5*
- B. We want to make sure that we remain faithful.
 - 1. There may be some drifting in our lives.
 - 2. We must remain faithful & steadfast to death.

Special Notes

