

A sunset scene with a large, bright sun partially obscured by a dark, silhouetted mountain range. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted trees and bushes. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Pet. 1:9-12

*“Rekindling a Lively Hope
through Salvation and the Scripture”*

1 Pet. 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

During the last few weeks we have been considering...

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”

We have been observing what the Bible says in *First Peter*. We began with “WE HAVE AN EXPECTANT HOPE” because “WE HAVE AN EXPERIENTIAL FAITH.”

I. WE HAVE AN EXPECTANT HOPE

A. We Have an Expectant Hope of a Triumphant

B. We Have an Expectant Hope of a Triumphant Entrance into Glory, 1:4

II. WE HAVE AN EXPERIENTIAL FAITH, 1:5-7

A. It Sees Beyond the Temporal Side of Life, 1:5

B. It Soars Beyond the Temptation Side fo Life, 1:6

C. It Sings Beyond the Testing Side of Life, 1:7



III. WE HAVE AN EXPRESSIVE LOVE, 1:8-9

A. What Our Love Dares, 1:8a

B. What Our Love Does, 1:8b-9

1. Its Undaunted Belief, 1:8b

2. Its Undying Bliss, 1:8c-d—9

a. Gladness Beyond All Words, 1:8c

b. Glory Beyond All Words, 1:8d

c. Gains Beyond All Words, 1:9

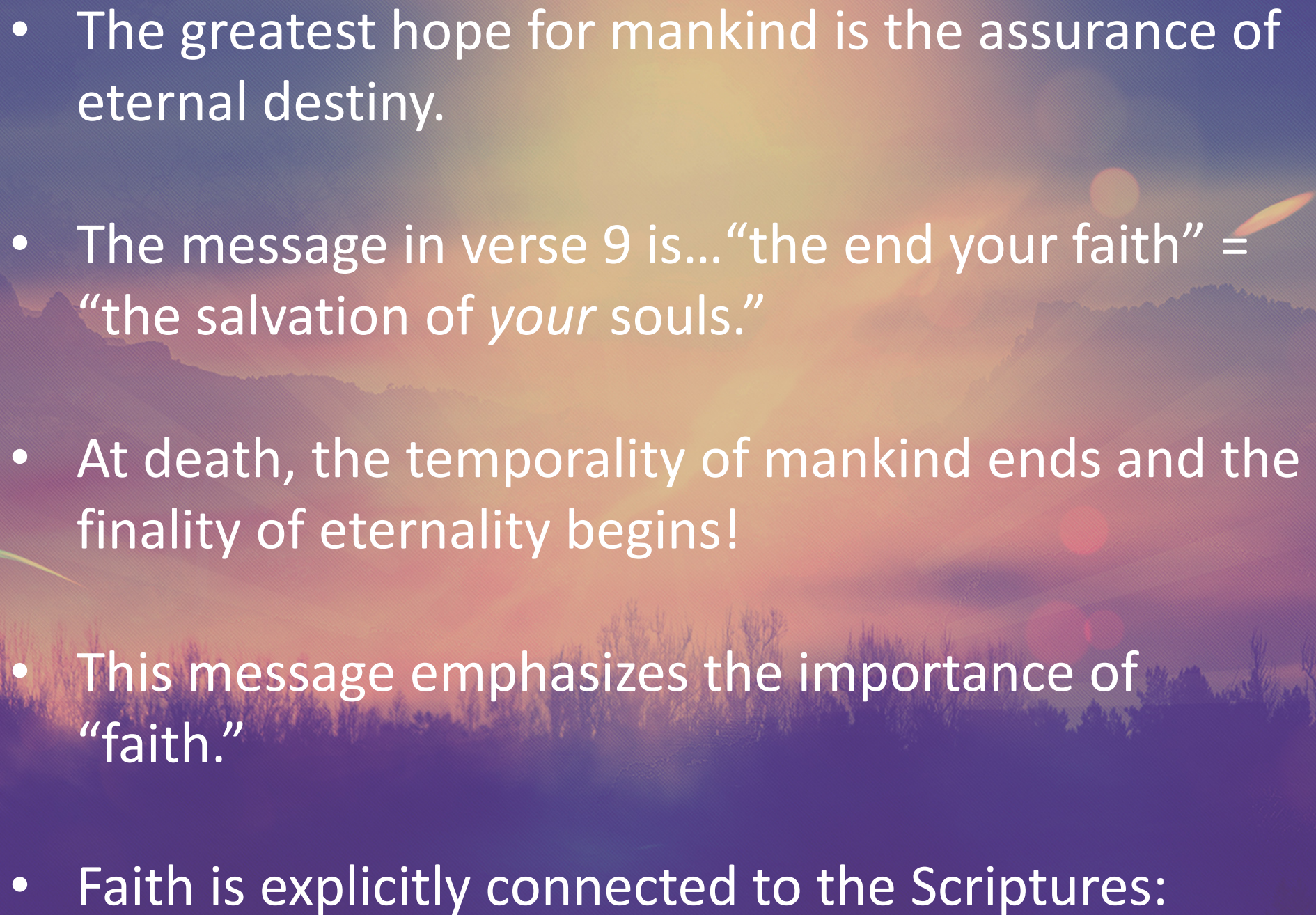
Previously, we considered the “Question of Salvation” as we viewed our EXPECTANT HOPE, EXPERIENTIAL FAITH, AND EXPRESSIVE LOVE. This morning we see how it is connected to the promises in the Word of God...in “The Question of Scripture.”

This morning’s passage is a wonderful panorama of salvation as revealed by both the Old and New Testaments.

IV. THE QUESTION OF SCRIPTURE, 1:9-12

A. As to its Message, 1:9

1 Pet. 1:9 Receiving **the end of your faith**, *even* **the salvation of your souls**.

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- The greatest hope for mankind is the assurance of eternal destiny.
 - The message in verse 9 is...“the end your faith” = “the salvation of *your* souls.”
 - At death, the temporality of mankind ends and the finality of eternity begins!
 - This message emphasizes the importance of “faith.”
 - Faith is explicitly connected to the Scriptures:

Rom. 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by **the word of God**.

- In Hebrews 11, the “Hall of Fame of Faith” records the exploits of those men and women who honored God, walking **by faith**, for God’s glory.
- Real faith focuses upon the truth of the Scriptures regarding the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Feigned faith focuses upon the machinations of religious fallacies to glorify man.

1 Tim. 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* **faith unfeigned**:

- Mankind is replete with religious fervor, creating various “isms,” trying to earn salvation by works.
- Religion emphasizes “doing” for salvation – the Scripture emphasizes that it is “done.”
- Religion says, “Try” – the Scripture says, “Trust.”
- Religion manufactures a “system” – the Scriptures glorify the Savior.

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**
9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

B. As to its Mystery, 1:10-11

1. What the Prophets Pursued, 1:10a “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently...”

- The prophets were generally aware of the future promises, but not necessarily the specifics of all the details.

- The prophets knew more about the “what” than they did the “when.”
- The information the prophets understood was motivation to search for more understanding of the details – “...enquired and searched diligently...”

Original Word: ἐξερευνάω

Transliteration: exeraunaó

Usage: I search diligently, I examine carefully (minutely).

Properly, search *out* with all diligence (effort); "*search carefully*" (A-S), in an *investigative manner* (inquiring after *facts*); to "*examine carefully (minutely)*" (Souter).

eksereunáō ("*diligently search*") is **used only in 1 Pet 1:10**. Here it focuses on the *end*-result of the searching, i.e. the *fulfillment* of salvation (unique glorification) in a believer's life.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1830.htm>

- A believer should not be satisfied with a “spiritual status quo” – rather, believers should be pursuing deeper knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Word of God.

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, **a workman** that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

2. What the Prophets Proclaimed, 1:10b “...who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:”

- The Old Testament prophets had illumination of the grace of God manifested on Calvary.

Psa. 22, Isa. 52:13—53:12, Zech. 12:10

3. What the Prophets Pondered, 1:11

a. The Times of Which They Prophesied,
1:11a “Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify...”

- The Holy Spirit “which was in them” gave the prophets the insight and illumination of spiritual truth – and is available for believers today.

Jn. 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**

1 Jn. 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you,** ye shall abide in him.

1 Cor. 2:13 Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, **because they are spiritually discerned.**

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

b. The Truths of Which They Prophesied,
1:11b-c

(1) The Mystery of Christ's Sufferings,
1:11b "...when it testified beforehand
the sufferings of Christ..."

Psa. 22, Isa. 50:6, 52:13—53:12, Zech. 12:10

1 Pet. 3:18 For Christ also hath **once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**

(2) The Manifestation of Christ's Splendor,
1:11c "...and the glory that should follow."

Jn. 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth.

Jn. 17:5 And now, **O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. ...**

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; **that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me:** for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.**

C. As to its Majesty, 1:12

1. The Disappointment of the Prophets, 1:12a
“Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, **but unto us they did minister the things**, which are now reported unto you...”

2. The Dispensation of the Churches, 1:12b “...**by them that have preached the gospel unto you** with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven...”

3. The Desire of the Angels, 1:12c “...which things the angels desire to look into.”

Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy **in the presence of the angels** of God over one sinner that repenteth.

- Intellectual perception by observation contrasted by individual experience are two different perspectives of many incidents.

Conclusion

This morning's passage is a wonderful panorama of salvation as revealed by both the Old and New Testaments. The details of this passage should create a greater sense of thanksgiving for all that we have through the Lord Jesus Christ.

- As to Its Message, 1:9 = salvation in the present is the eternal destiny of believers!
- As to Its Mystery, 1:10-11 = the obscurity of the Old Testament is clarified as the promises are fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ.

- As to Its Majesty, 1:12 = today, and for eternity, we can enjoy the glory of Christ!
- When believers more clearly comprehend salvation, the effect will be life-changing as seen in Eph. 3:14-21:

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

- The “cause” of the believer’s humility is God’s wonderful provision of grace and salvation for everyone – Eph. 3:14-15

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

- The “inner man” may “be strengthened with might by his Spirit.” Eph. 3:16

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

- The focus of the “big picture” is CHRIST – Eph. 3:17-20