

This weeks focus: 1 Peter 1:2-4

Note: All scripture references come from the NASB Version of the Bible.

Glory of God

- Sum total of all that God is and does
- It is not an attribute. It is who He is.
- Everything He thinks and does is marked by His glory
- Psalm 19, His glory is revealed in creation
- In his dealings with Israel, and in His plan of Salvation for lost sinners.
- When we are born the first time we were not born for Glory

"All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass wither, and the flowers fall off, but the word of the Lord endures forever." 1 Peter 1:24

- · Whatever glory man has will fade
- God's glory is eternal.

A Christian's Birth

- Began with God: we were chosen by God
- Not based on anything we had done
- Not based on what we would be
- · Based wholly on His grace and love

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:33-36

· Foreknown: To set ones love on a person or persons in a special way

"For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish." Psalm 1:6

"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness." Matthew 7:23

"I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know me." John 10:14 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

The Spirits conviction of sin and bringing to faith in Christ

"But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thesallonians, 2:13-14

- Chosen by the Father, Purchased by the son, set apart by the spirit.
- All three working together lead to true salvation.

Hope Described

- It's a living hope grounded in the living word of a living God, sealed in the living son
- It has life in it, therefore it can give us life.
- Living things grow
- Time destroys most hopes
- Peter refers to this hope as an inheritance unlike any earthly inheritance because:
- · It is incorruptible; nothing can ruin it
- Undefiled: can not be stained or cheapened
- · Will never grow old because it is eternal, will not disappoint
- · Our salvation is completed at his return

"Looking to the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus." Titus 2:13

We have traded the passing glory of man for the eternal Glory of God!