

Suggested Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NKJV)
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27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Having a personal sense of our eternal destiny

God preparing us to rule and reign with Christ in His future kingdom and preparing us to have the capacity for enjoying the eternal life we're going to have forever and ever with Him. What Peter is doing here is taking people's focus off of the problems of the here-and-now, the fiery trial that is coming upon them, and to focus their attention on where God is taking them.

We're not here to play Christian

Inheritance Eternal

It's all about **doing** God's word

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God saved us for a purpose:

That we might live in light of our eternal inheritance

A.

1 Peter 1:3-5 (NKJV)
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a

living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

hope focuses on the future

Toward

4 to an inheritance **incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away.**

has the idea of possession

this possession that is ours is then described by **three adjectives.**

we will receive this reward for our spiritual growth and our spiritual service in this life

And **unfading**

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Hebrews 7:26 (NKJV)
26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, **undefiled**, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

3629 μιαινω **miainō**, vb., = DBLHebr 3627; Str 3382; TONT 4.644—L LN 88.280 **defile** corrupt morally, (Tit 1:15

Titus 1:15 (NKJV)

15 To the **pure** all things are pure, but to those who are **defiled** and unbelieving nothing is pure, but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

when the believer is oriented to doctrine, he thinks in terms of that which is related to God. He think of that which is true and honest and righteous and virtuous. You think in terms of that which is best in a person.

But to those who are defiled **miainō**, indicating that which is corrupted or stained by sin.

To those who are stained [corrupt by sin] and unbelieving [those who are not believers] nothing is pure. They think only within that corrupt, fallen mindset.

They have perverted their own thinking. It is become corrupted by sin and so they can't understand people who do have a conscience.

So for the person who is defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure. They can't understand it because even their mind and conscience is so defiled. They are thinking within a framework of reverse polarity.

reserved in heaven for you,

5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for **salvation** ready to be

Do not take salvation out of context

revealed in the last time

If you're oriented to the Word, no matter what your circumstances are, you will have maximum happiness and joy in your life.

Phase 1. We are **saved from the penalty in sin** when we trust Christ as Savior and we are justified.

phase 2. We are **saved from the power of sin** when we live out our spiritual life and we are putting to death the deeds of the flesh, putting to death the sin nature.

phase 3. Then we are **saved from the presence of sin** when we are glorified. So there are those three tenses of salvation, as some people have called it, three phases of salvation.

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