

Suggested Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NKJV)
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Having a personal sense of our eternal destiny

9.29.17
9.24.17

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.

Inheritance Eternal

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

▼ I.

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,

The ultimate goal

hope focuses on the future

Eternal possession juxtaposed with the temporal possession

Preposition:

1608 εις (**eis**) prep. = Str 1519; K: LN 90-29 with reference to, concerning, with respect to; a marker of content

The direction God is taking us

the alpha privative

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**

5498 ἄφθαρτος (**áphartos**) vb. = Str 5983; TDNT 1:140–1; LN 15-32 long as, continue in a state (1Co 7:37)

The perfect tense; it was completed and determined sometime in the past:

Reserved for every believer, to be distributed at the judgment seat of Christ, to those who persevere in obedience applying doctrine

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.

918 ἀφάρτος (**aphartos**) av (adv. adj.; = Str 862; TDNT 9:83–LN 23-126 immortal, imperishable, lasting forever, incorruptible (Ps 123:1Co 9:25; 15:52; 1Ti 1:17; 1Pe 1:4; 23:34–44; Mk 16:15 v.; Mk 16: Shorter v.)

299 ἀμάντος (**amantos**) av (adv. adj.; = Str 283; TDNT 4:647–LN 53-36 undefiled, pure, untainted, without ritual (or by implication moral) fault (Hag 7:26; 1:24; Jdg 1:27; 1Pe 1:4)

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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;

3639 ὑπόμω (**hymō**) vb. = DBL Hatz 3327; Str 3362; TDNT 4:644–LN 88-260 **defile** corrupt morally, (Tr 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 a believer is oriented to doctrine, he thinks in terms of that which is related to God. He thinks 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** (**hymō**) 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.

Hebrews 12:14-16 (NKJV)

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Stay focused on doctrine (grace and humility) so that arrogance, pride and self-will doesn't turn our attention from grace orientation in our behavior, to works

15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness spring up cause trouble, and by this many become **defiled**

16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Eternal possession

Matthew 6:19-20 (NKJV)

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Ephesians 1:17-18 (NKJV)

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the

hope inheritance in the saints.

▼ II.

Eternal things in common for all believers & differences:

A.

Every believer is going to possess **in common**

a resurrection body.

We are all **going to have** an maximum capacity for happiness and joy.

There is going to be no more sorrow, no more tears, no more pain, and the old things are passed away.

We are going to be with the Lord in Heaven, in the Kingdom and on into eternity.

B.

The differences:

Some people are going to have a greater capacity for their relationship with the Lord.

They are going to have a closer communion with the Lord in Heaven.

Others will not experience that same closeness.

The best way to describe it is that every person's cup is going to be filled, some people are just going to have a larger cup than others.

Everyone will be filled to capacity and no one will be aware of any sense of absence or loss of something that is not quite totally full. Everyone's cup will be completely full.

C.

This doctrine of inheritance is a motivator for us. It is designed to teach us that we do have a reason to live the spiritual life, because there is an end game that is going to give us certain privileges and responsibilities for serving the Lord when we get to Heaven.

That's why we must develop our capacity in this life, by learning to honor and glorify the Lord in the difficulties and every situation we encounter in our daily life.

The more we learn to honor and glorify the Lord in the difficulties of life, the more that capacity is going to be developed for when we get to be with Him in eternity.

III.

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