I Peter – Encouraging Words to Exiled Christians

Comfort from God's Engineering of Our Salvation

Lesson #2

<u>I Peter 1:3 – NAS</u>

"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

<u>I Peter 1:3 – NIV</u>

"³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

<u>I Peter 1:3 – KJV</u>

"³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

<u>I Peter 1:3 – ESV</u>

"³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

<u>I Peter 1:3-9</u>

"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to {obtain} an inheritance {which is } imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary,

you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷ that the proof of your faith, {being} more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls."

"Just as we are passive in natural birth, so we are in spiritual birth. That is, God is active in the process of begetting us, for He causes us to be born again," Kistemaker.

"When we speak of new birth, we think of the change that God's grace works in us," Clowney.

II Peter 3:15-16

"15 and regard the patience of our Lord {to be} salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all {his} letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as {they do} also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction."

Ephesians 2:4-5

"⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, <u>made us</u> <u>alive together with Christ</u> (by grace you have been saved)."

Titus 3:5

"5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit."

"It denotes a saving act of God, performed on man and in man, but not by man."

John 3:3,5

- "³ Jesus answered and said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he **cannot see** the kingdom of God."
- "⁵ Jesus answered, '[Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he **cannot enter** into the kingdom of God."

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