

/We will now begin with the first lecture on 1 Peter./ I am Professor Cheong Soo Lee and I will be giving the lectures on 1 and 2 Peter./ First, let me give you an introduction of 1 Peter.

/1. The author, / the apostle Peter./ 2. The date written,/ around A.D. 63./ 3. The place written,/ Rome.

/4. The purpose of this epistle,/ the purpose of recording 1 Peter./ This epistle was written to comfort and encourage persecuted believers at the time.

/Also, it was to emphasize the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and eschatology./ 1:5./ 4:7./ Right now, we are all strangers./ Hence, the purpose of this letter is to comfort believers by emphasizing that they look upon the afterlife in heaven with faith.

/By emphasizing the internal lifestyle of the believers,/ the author targeted to establish the teachings of Jesus Christ./ 1:15./ 3:1-7./ 4:14-19./ 5:1-6.

/5. The central word./ The central word in both 1 and 2 Peter is,/ suffering./ The word “suffering” appears sixteen times in both the epistles./ It reflects the hardships that scattered believers had to experience in those times.

/Peter provided them with living hope. Hence, this epistle is often called the epistle of hope.

/6. Way to overcome sufferings./ We believers must overcome sufferings no matter what sufferings we face./ In order to overcome them, we must believe that sufferings come from God./ James 1:4.

/No matter how severe it may be, there is no suffering that God has not permitted./ To overcome suffering, we must not take it lightly or be discouraged./ Hebrews 11:5./ We must rejoice in the midst of suffering to overcome it./ James 1:2.

/Also, we must believe that God has only allowed sufferings that we can bear./ 1 Corinthians 10:13./ We can bear even the greatest trials./ Even though we experience the same trials over and over again, we must believe that we can overcome it.

/We can bear with it all if we believe that we can overcome it./ To triumph over sufferings, we must take the way out./ 1 Corinthians 10:13./ We cannot triumph over sufferings unless we take the way out./ There will always be a way out no matter how great the suffering may be.

/We can overcome all sufferings if we take the way out./ Taking the way out means to stand firm on the Word of God./ It is to draw near to God./ To overcome suffering, we must persevere./ James 1:12.

/We must persevere until God acknowledges it./ We can triumph when we persevere./ We will become complete and our faith will mature when we overcome sufferings.

/7. Breakdown of contents./ Salvation of believers,/ 1:1-2:12./ Submission of believers,/ 2:13-3:12./ Suffering of believers,/ 3:13-5:14.

/Now, let's move on to 1 Peter chapter 1./ Let's look at the title and main points of this chapter./ Chapter 1 is, salvation./ The title of chapter 1 is “Salvation.”

/First,/ predestined salvation,/ verses 1-2./ Second,/ praises of salvation,/ verses 3-4./ Third,/ trials and training,/ verses 5-9./ Fourth,/ notice of salvation,/ verses 10-12./ Fifth,/ lifestyles of saved believers,/ verses 13-25.

/Let's look at verse 1./ In verse 1, it says, "Jesus."/ There is also the word "Christ."/ The word "apostle" is mentioned as well./ It also says, "strangers in the world."/ Now, let's dive into Scripture.

/Jesus' name means/ a savior who will redeem his people from sin./ Matthew 1:21./ "Christ" means,/ the anointed one./ In the Old Testament times,/ kings, prophets, and priests were anointed.

/Christ/ has all three of these offices./ An apostle,/ is one who has been directly called by Jesus Christ/ to go out and share the gospel./ There are no other apostles than the twelve apostles./ Regarding "strangers in the world, scattered throughout,"/ believers were scattered to different locations as a result of persecution.

/They were called scattered strangers because they had left Judah, their homeland./ 1. The reason why Peter calls believers, strangers./ Believers are strangers./ This is because we live temporarily on this earth and go to heaven, our homeland./ Thus, we must not be attached to this life on earth.

/We must live with hope for the kingdom of heaven./ We must always remember there there will be peace in our homeland./ If we do that, we can endure trials and sufferings.

/2. The attitude of a stranger./ What attitudes should we have?/ We must make sure not to make mistakes by living in fear./ We must not be deceived by the devil./ We must joyfully live on this earth until we enter heaven.

/We believers are all strangers./ We will all return to heaven, our homeland, after our short lives on this earth come to an end./ The only difference is the order in which we go there./ Hence, we must not put our hope in this world or become attached to it.

/We must work hard so that we will be blameless/ and receive compliments, glory, and rewards in the kingdom of God./ Next, let's discuss the predestined salvation of believers.

/Verse 2./ The salvation of believers has been accomplished by the predestined plan of the Trinity God./ In today's passage,/ it refers to those who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father./ It says that we have been chosen by the sprinkling blood of Jesus Christ.

/It also says that the Holy Spirit sanctifies us for the obedience to Jesus Christ./ God the Father has predestined to save us./ Jesus Christ predestined to shed His blood for us./ Then the Holy Spirit God predestined to make us believe, obey, and to sanctify us.

/Now in verse 2,/ it says, "who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father," which is important./ Amos 3:2 says, "You only I have chosen."/ This means that God only loved us.

/When God chose believers,/ he did not choose believer by their good deeds/ or merits,/ but by the unconditional love of God./ There are two widely accepted doctrines about election./ One is conditional election,/ and the other is predestination.

/What is conditional election?/ 1./ This is a teaching of Arminianism,/ and it says that a person is born in this world/ and believes in Jesus Christ./ God foreknew that the person would believe,/ and God chose that person.

/2. The problem./ This teaching has a problem./ The problem is/ that it ignores the sovereignty of God and/ it teaches that salvation is in the actions of man./ 3. Conclusion./ Conditional election/ is unbiblical./ It is a humanistic doctrine./ Therefore, it is wrong.

/Then, what is predestination?/ 1./ This is a teaching of Calvinism,/ and it is a doctrine that claims God predestined certain people to be saved before the creation of the world./ God gave them faith as a gift so that they would believe in Jesus.

/Only those who have been chosen by God can believe that Jesus is Savior./ Whoever believes that Jesus is Savior have been chosen by God./ 1 John 5:1./ We must know whether we have been chosen or not./ We can know by seeing if we have faith in Jesus Christ or do not.

/True believers of Jesus Christ have already been chosen./ Only those who have received faith as a gift can believe that Jesus is Savior./ We believe in Jesus through faith./ Faith is a gift from God.

/It says that all who were appointed for eternal life believed./ Acts 13:48./ Therefore, salvation comes from God's election,/ and is in his sovereignty./ 2. Conclusion./ Predestination is/ biblical and/ God-centered.

/Hence, salvation is the grace of God./ We did not work to be saved./ Also, God did not save us because he foreknew that we would believe in him./ We have believed and have been saved because God chose us before creation.

/Therefore, salvation is the grace of God./ We must give thanks for his grace./ Now, let's discuss the great inheritance that God gives us./ Verses 3-5./ There is a great inheritance that God gives us.

/Before Peter spoke about this inheritance, he first praised God./ He first praised the God of salvation./ Our salvation comes from the Trinity God./ In verse 3, Peter talks about the mercy of God the Father.

/He is saying that we have been saved because God showed mercy on us./ Therefore, we must praise God for his mercy./ We must also praise Jesus Christ the Son for His merit of atoning for our sins.

/We must also praise the Holy Spirit God for allowing us to be born again. / We must praise him for giving us new hope./ We must praise him for completing our salvation./ Our salvation is an inheritance that will never perish, spoil, or fade.

/We must praise God for this inheritance./ We have received salvation from God./ We, who have

been saved,/ must praise and/ thank God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,/ and be faithful.

/That is why saved believers/ must be faithful to God to the end./ The great inheritance of God is first,/ the inheritance that gave us new life./ In verse 3, it says that he has given us new birth.

/1./ The new birth refers to the revival of our spirits that were dead due to our transgressions and sins./ This is to be born again and is also a spiritual resurrection./ 2. The elements of being born again is water and the Holy Spirit./ John 3:5./ The word “water” refers to the Word of God./ Ephesians 5:6.

/3./ Being born again/ does not require man’s effort or cooperation./ It is the sole work of the Holy Spirit,/ is accomplished instantly,/ and takes place at once./ It does not happen repeatedly.

/4. The result of being born again./ The reborn spirit of the believer/ never dies because it has received the life of the resurrection of Jesus Christ./ John 11:6./ The reborn spirit never sins again./ 1 John 3:9./ However, the reborn person sins again./ Romans 7:8.

/We must not be confused by this./ Again,/ the born again person sins,/ but the born again spirit does not sin./ Sin is committed by the corrupted being./ Anyone who has been born again will never go to hell.

/Even though he or she may not live according to the Word of God, that person will not go to hell./ There are only punishments from God if we do not live according to his word./ It says that the reborn believer cannot be touched by the evil one./ 1 John 5:17.

/Only the born again can enter into heaven./ John 3:3./ Without being born again, one cannot enter heaven./ One cannot enter heaven with money./ One cannot enter heaven with wisdom./ One cannot enter heaven with her beauty./ Only the born again can go to heaven.

/The second great inheritance of God is/ the inheritance of a living hope./ The hope of this world has no life and will fade away./ Yet, the hope of a believer is living hope/ and eternal hope.

/Why so?/ 1./ It is because we hope to live eternally in heaven./ 2./ It is because we hope to be mature in spirit and be like Jesus Christ./ 1 John 3:2-3.

/Jesus Christ is/ our hope of life/ and eternal hope./ Even if we are in despair,/ sadness,/ and suffering,/ we will be filled with hope/ if we believe and hope in Jesus Christ.

/With this hope,/ we can overcome all sufferings./ The third great inheritance of God is,/ the inheritance that makes us the receivers of this inheritance./ The inheritance of this world will turn filthy and will perish./ It would be robbed and be gone./ Yet, it says that the inheritance of believers are in heaven./ Philippians 3:20./ The inheritance of believers/ do not turn filthy or perish.

/The evil cannot rob or take away this inheritance./ Because the inheritance of believers is kept in heaven,/ it is eternal, glorious and precious./ The inheritance stored in heaven./ 1./ They are unchangeable,/ unshakeable,/ and imperishable.

/Because our inheritance is stored in heaven,/ it will not change./ It will not become obsolete./

We will never regret it./ 2. God has firmly stored the inheritance so that we do not have to fear losing it./ 3./ It will surely be given to believers.

/Verses 5-9/ are about the trials and training of believers./ God allows believers to receive trials./ He trains believers./ Then God finally gives us blessings./ What must we do when we encounter trials?/ First,/ we must greatly rejoice for them./

/Verse 6 says the following./ It says, in this you greatly rejoice./ When trials come, the trials seem big and we feel small./ We worry because we feel that we cannot overcome them with our own strength.

/However, if we completely rely on God,/ he will help us overcome the trials with his might./ Then there will be joy when we overcome trials./ What kind of joy is there?

/1./ There is the joy of our spirits coming to life./ If we give up when we encounter trials, our spirits will not grow./ Our spirits grow when we overcome trials./ We will become more like Jesus.

/2./ There is the joy of the growth of spiritual ability./ We pray when we encounter trials,/ and when we pray, we are clothed with God's power./ After the trials pass,/ God does not take away the power we received./ That power would then become our ability./ There is joy if we triumph over trials/ because our spiritual abilities are strengthened.

/3./ There is the joy of the increase of our inheritance in heaven./ If we overcome small trials, there is a small joy,/ and if we overcome great trials, there is great joy./ If we overcome trials from time to time, we will be joyful from time to time,/ and if we continually overcome trials, we will continually be joyful.

/It is God's will for us to continually overcome trials./ God does not delight in those who give up on trials./ We must overcome trials./ We must please God,/ ourselves,/ and others/ by overcoming trials.

/Second, regarding the believers' trials and training,/ we must receive training with faith./ We must receive training with faith./ Faith that has not been trained lacks power./ Faith that has not been trained cannot triumph./ That is why faith must be trained.

/1./ Our faith becomes firm when it is overcomes trials like fire and is trained./ While our faith must be trained,/ it can only be trained when trials come./ Training can be accomplished through trials./ The rust of iron is removed through the fire in the furnace.

/It can become good iron/ only when it passes through the fire in the furnace and becomes refined./ In the same way, our faith/ must surpass/ various trials/ that are like fire./ Our faith will be strengthened/ when we overcome such trials.

/2./ While we pass through those trials like fire,/ our arrogance and greed will break away,/ and we will then possess clean faith./ Therefore, trials that are like fire are not bad./ They are actually beneficial to believers./ They are blessings.

/Trials make us pray harder./ Anyone who does not pray will eventually pray when he encounters

trials./ When trials come to us, we will repent of our sins./ We will repent of our arrogance./ We will let go of our greed.

/Then our faith will be clean./ Our faith will become holy./ Thus, trials are beneficial to us believers./ If these things happen, we will overcome all trials.

/3./ When trials like fire come to us, we must not be arrogant/ or be disheartened./ If people blame and become disheartened, they have failed and it will not be beneficial to them./ When trials come, we are quick to blame others.

/We may blame our parents,/ our leaders,/ our husbands/ or wives./ People who blame others have already failed./ There is no good in it.

/Third, regarding the trials and training of believers,/ there is glorious joy in the faith that is being trained./ If our faith is trained well, there is glory and joy./ What kind of joy is there?/ 1./ There is spiritual joy./ There is joy when we overcome trials.

/2./ There is joy of abiding in the love of Christ./ If we overcome trials, we will abide in the love of Christ./ We cannot abide in the love of Christ if we do not overcome trials.

/If we hate others, we have not triumphed over trials./ That will be a sign that we are outside of Christ's love./ Yet, if we love others, we have overcome trials./ We will also abide in the love of Christ.

/3./ There is joy of seeing our souls grow because we follow the Word of God./ When trials come, we must follow what God's word tells us to do./ If God tells us to love our enemies, we must love them./ That is what it means to follow the Word of God./ If we follow the Word of God, our souls will grow.

/There is joy when our souls grow./ Therefore, our souls cannot grow if we do not live by God's word./ If our faith does not grow, it will rather become troublesome./ It will become troublesome to God,/ to ourselves,/ and to others.

/4./ There is joy in achieving the will of our Lord./ When trials come,/ we must endure/ and follow the Word of God./ If we do that, the will of our Lord is achieved./ There is joy when we achieve the will of our Lord.

/Now, let's discuss the notice of salvation of believers./ Verses 10-12./ There is salvation that God has granted us./ What is this salvation?/ 1./ It did not occur abruptly.

/In verse 10 of our text,/ the author talks about this salvation./ 2./ This is the salvation/ that the prophets of the Old Testament studied,/ looked carefully at,/ and patiently waited for./ 3./ Even before Christ/ came to this earth as man,/ He accomplished salvation through His spirit./ 1 Corinthians 10:4.

/Christ's suffering,/ His resurrection and ascension,/ and the glory that He would receive at the right hand of God/ were all prophesied through the prophets.

/Our salvation/ was not accomplished suddenly/ but the prophets studied and testified to it,/ and

it was accomplished when Jesus Christ came to this earth.

/5./ Prophets found joy by looking at it from afar,/ but they were not able to participate in the times of Christ./ There were many faithful prophets./ They all rejoiced by looking upon Christ.

/They were not able to participate in the New Testament period./ They did not participate in the times of Jesus./ However, today, we have become participators.

/6. We believed because/ those who shared the gospel shared with us./ Salvation is received through faith in the gospel./ This gospel/ was given to us,/ we believed in God's word,/ and we received salvation.

/The Holy Spirit worked in/ the sharers of the gospel and the believers./ Those who shared did it through the Holy Spirit/ and believers believed through Holy Spirit./ We cannot believe in Jesus/ without the Holy Spirit./ Therefore, we must thank God for sending the Helper Holy Spirit.

/We were saved through faith,/ and there were people God appointed to share the gospel with us in order to make us believe./ God sent sharers of the gospel/ and they shared the gospel./ We heard the gospel/ and we were saved through faith.

/However, there are still many people who need to be saved./ God sends his servants for those who need to be saved./ God then makes them share the gospel./ When the gospel is shared, people will believe in the gospel.

/People are saved through faith in the gospel./ That is why it is crucial that we share the gospel./ We, who first believed,/ have the calling to share the gospel./ We must share this gospel to the ends of the earth.

/We must share the gospel whether we have opportunities to do so or not./ Those who have been chosen to be saved will receive salvation when we preach the gospel.

/7./ Angels rejoice when they see our salvation./ We have received such a valuable and great salvation./ Therefore, we must not treat it lightly/ but treasure it./ We must live with grateful hearts./ Moreover, we must completely sacrifice our lives to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

/With this, we will conclude the first lecture on 1 Peter./ Thank you.