

The Purchased Possession

1 Peter 1

7 That **the trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

He is not speaking of the trial of our obedience, but of our faith, or what we understand to be true.

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving **the end (g5056-completion, aim, termination) of your faith**, even **the salvation of your souls**.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching -- what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Ephesians 1

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness (g859 – remission) of sins (g3900 – faults)**, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until **the redemption of the purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory.

Romans 8

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, **the redemption of our body**.

There are two future resurrections: The righteous first, then the wicked.

John 5

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can -- do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for what things so ever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that himself does: and he will show him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raises up the dead, and quicken (g2227-make alive) them; even so the Son quicken (g2227-make alive) whom he will.

Speaking of people who are physically alive but spiritually dead.

This verse is further defined in verse 24. He that hears and believes

22 For the Father judges no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God:** and they that hear shall live.

Speaking of people who are physically alive but spiritually dead.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves** shall hear his voice,

Speaking of people who are literally dead and in the grave.

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto **the resurrection of life;** and they that have done evil, **unto the resurrection of damnation.**

1 Thessalonians 4

13 **But I would not have you to be ignorant**, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (g71-lead away) with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (g5348-precede) them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ **shall rise first**: (the first resurrection)

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up together with them** in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5

1 **But of the times and the seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night**.

3 For when they shall say, **Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 **But ye**, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

2 Peter 3

10 **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto (g4692-urging on) the coming of the day of God, wherein **the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Peter keys on the destruction.

Revelation 16

12 And **the sixth angel poured out his vial** upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 **Behold, I come as a thief.** Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Even at the pouring out of the 6th vial, Christ has still not come as a thief!

Three signs in the heavens will help us to know the season, even though we will not know the day or hour.

Revelation 12:1	Revelation 12:3	Revelation 15:1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woman clothed with Sun • Moon under her feet • Crown of 12 stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dragon • 7 heads 10 horns • 7 crowns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 angles having 7 last plagues

The Woman clothed with the Sun = the last generation church who have entered into the fullness of God's love.

The dragon = a correct understanding of adversity and the sin nature within humanity.

The seven messengers who pour out seven last plagues = literal Israel who have received the truth from the last generation church. Those of Israel will plague the world for the last time before the second coming of Christ.

Revelation 21

17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, **according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.**