

Our Imperishable Inheritance

I Peter 1:4-5

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There is no way to summarize or paraphrase this perfect text:

“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, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1. A. As a review, read I Peter 1:1-3. What is your observation?

B. Verses 1-3 fall into a sequence. What is it?

C. In summary of verses 1-3, what is the response to this sure salvation?
I Peter 1:3, 6, 8, 10, 12

2. A. Read I Peter 1:3-4. What does this new birth bring in verse 4?

B. Take note of this word “inheritance” in light of three thoughts: inheritances come from another; we are usually related to the person we receive an inheritance from; and when we get an inheritance, it is ours. How do these thoughts on inheritance relate to our inheritance in verse 4?
Hebrews 6:17-20, John 3:3-7, Ephesians 1:3-6

3. A. How is our inheritance described in I Peter 1:4?

B. "Imperishable", "undefiled", "will not fade away", "reserved in heaven": What does this mean to you who are "born again to a living hope"?
Matthew 6:19-21, 24:35, I Peter 1:8, 18-19, 23-25, Romans 8:1,
John 10:27-30, Psalm 119:89

C. Is this reservation made for you? Who made this reservation?
I Peter 1:5, 5:10, Romans 8:31