

ANALYSIS:

1. What were these strangers, to whom Peter was writing, elected unto?

2. How are the saints of God kept unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time? _____

3. What things do the angels desire to look into?

4. What should characterize our manner of conversation in this world?

5. With what are the saints of God redeemed according to this chapter?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Verse 23 is often misinterpreted by those who believe that the written word of God, the Bible, is necessary in order for a person to be born again. We can see how some might come to this conclusion from the wording of the verse. However, the key point that we must not miss is that the “word of God” in this verse is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ just like in Hebrews 4:12-14. Consider, which word of God, the written Scriptures or the Lord Jesus Christ, is alive and abides for ever? Of course, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is by the “will” and “voice” of the Son of God that we are called from death unto life (John 5:21-25). Have you thanked Him for exercising His will to save you? Praise God for the power and life-giving voice of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God!

Peter commended the scattered and persecuted saints to whom he wrote when he said that though they could not see the Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, yet through faith they were rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory (v 8). Are we known for rejoicing, even in difficulties, like these saints of old time? Is our love and confidence in Jesus so strong that we can rejoice in the knowledge of Jesus Christ as if he was right here with us? May our hearts and eyes be so looking for his coming that it fills us with joy unspeakable and full of glory!

HELP:

1. They were elected unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ (v 2).

2. They are kept by the power of God (v 5).

3. The things of the gospel of Christ (v 12); the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow (v 11).

4. Holiness (v 15).

5. The precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (vs 18-19).