

A COMPLETE SALVATION

1 Peter 1 (p. 1,112)

A. Background 1:1

1. Author. Peter the fisherman. Peter at his best (Mt.16). Peter at his worst (Jn.18). Peter restored (Jn.21). Peter sent (Luke 22:32).

2. Rome. Debauchery and **idolatry** shortly before the persecution of Emperor Nero, A.D. 64. cf. 1 Peter 5:13

3. Recipients. Different places, passions and persuasions.

Dispersed- Initially **persecution** came from jealous Jewish religious authorities. It grew until the persecution of Christians became Roman policy.

B. Trinitarian Plan of Salvation 1:1-2

1. The **foreknowledge** of God the Father. God's election was based wholly on His grace and love. Ephesians 1:4-6

Scripture teaches that none of us- left to ourselves- would turn to God.

Is.53:6; Romans 3:10-18

We resist the notion of election because **it doesn't seem fair!** *How can God do that? Who does He think He is anyways?*

Those are the correct questions. And the answers are clear. God created you. God can do as He wills with His creation. God will judge His creation based on His will- not on our notion of equity.

You can rage against it. You can reject God as your Sovereign. But it won't change a thing.

People have a *choice* to make (Jn.1:11-12). But God's choice always trumps ours.

Rather than accusing God, consider praising God!!!

2. The **sanctifying** work of the Spirit.

God the Spirit is setting us apart to make us holy. If you are a Christian, you are being set apart by the Spirit for **obedience**.

3. The sprinkling of Christ's **blood**.

Hebrews is critical in helping us understand that all the Old Testament sacrifices were pointing us to the ultimate sacrifice.

Hebrews 9:21-22; 10:4,10

"Without the shedding of blood there is no **forgiveness**."

There Is a Fountain

William Cowper, 1772

*There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in His day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away:
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.*