

Strategic Living – (The believer’s journey in a strange land)
THIS SALVATION
1 Peter 1:10-16

Salvation – the preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss.

(1 Thessalonians 5:9) For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prophetic Salvation – (v.10, 11)

(2 Peter 1:21) “...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

(Genesis 3:21) Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

In Daniel 9:24-26 - Daniels “70 weeks” prophecy.

A prophetic week is equivalent to “seven years.”

(Daniel 9:25a) "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks..."

(7x69) equals 483 years.

King Artaxerxes of Persia in 445 B.C. - order issued in Nehemiah 2:1-8.

Ancient Jewish calendar of 360 - days, rather solar calendar of 365 days - 483 years become 476 years.

476 years – 32 A.D., “Triumphal Entry” of Christ into Jerusalem!

(Luke 19:41-42) Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

The last *prophetic week* (seven years) of Daniel’s prophecy – Great Tribulation.

Suffering Savior

(Isaiah 53:5-6) But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Disclosed Salvation! (v.12)

(John 6:44) No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

(Psalm 103:11-14) For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

Transformative Salvation – (v.13-16)

(1) Girded mind.

Mind implies: *our way of thinking; readiness to learn, attitude.*

Sober - Greek **nepho**: *to be self-controlled; clearheaded.*

(2) Resting in grace.

(Hebrews 13:9) Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

(Revelation 21:4) “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

(3) Obedience – (v.14)

(Romans 12:1-2) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Transformed – *metamorphoo* – (metamorphosis): change into another form.

(2 Corinthians 3:17-18) Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(4) Holiness – (v.15, 16)

"Holiness does not consist in mystic speculations, enthusiastic fervors, or uncommanded austerities (strictness); it consists in thinking as God thinks, and willing as God wills." - John Brown

“...that we may be partakers of His holiness. “(Hebrews 12:10b)

“It is written” - “Be holy, for I am holy” Leviticus 11:44.

Holy – hagios: physically pure, morally blameless.

(Philippians 2:12b-13) “...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

Micah 4:5) For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God Forever and ever.

Holiness is Christ governing our “conduct!”

CONCLUSION

(Isaiah 43:1b-3a) “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior!”