

## 1 Peter 1:10-12

### Verse 10

*As to this salvation* – The salvation of verses 5-9 which includes our inheritance and reward.

This salvation in the Old Testament included both suffering and glory!

*The prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you* – The sufferings and the glories of the Messiah would result in grace coming to all mankind including the Gentiles.

This grace is experienced in our justification, sanctification, and ultimately our glorification.

*Made careful search and inquiry* – Both of these words indicate active effort in looking to find something. The word for “search” is often used of searching the Scripture. The word for “inquiry” is only used here in the NT and has the idea of searching through something for an item.

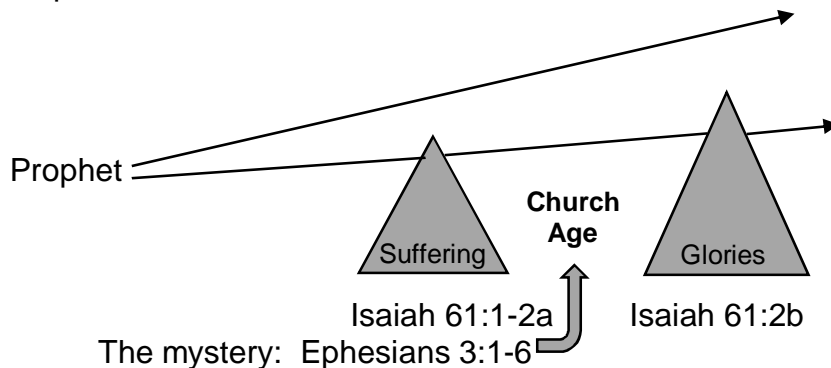
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*Seeking to know* – This third ‘searching’ word is used in passages like John 5:39 and 7:52 indicating that they searched through earlier Scripture, and perhaps their own prophecies as well, to find out about the ‘salvation’ and ‘grace’ they were predicting.

*What person or time* – The prophets longed to know who the Messiah would be and also what would be the time frame for both His sufferings and glories.

*The Spirit of Christ within them* – This is referring to the Holy Spirit. Predicting the coming of the Messiah, Christ, was a primary focus of the Spirit’s activity in the Old Testament.

*Predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow* – The prophets foresaw the sufferings and glories of the Messiah but they did not know that there would be an indefinite time period between the two events.



Sufferings	Glories
Genesis 3:15	Psalms 2
Psalms 22:1, 7-8, 18	Psalms 16:10
Psalms 34:19-20	Psalms 110:1-7
Psalms 69:20-21	Isaiah 9:6-7
Isaiah 50:6	Jeremiah 33:14-17
Isaiah 52:14-15	Daniel 7:13-14
Isaiah 53:1-12	Joel 2:28-32
Zechariah 12:10	Amos 9:11-15
Zechariah 13:7	Malachi 3:1-6

### Verse 12

*It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you* – The prophets realized that their words served a future time and future generations.

*In these things which have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you* –The good news of the gospel, predicted by the prophets of old, reached them through the preaching of Peter and other faithful believers.

*By the Holy Spirit sent from heaven* - This is a reference to the Spirit's power within the believer. Jesus promised the Spirit would come and give the church the power and the message to speak (Luke 24:49, John 16:7-15). This was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

*Things into which angels long to look* – Angels are waiting to see how and when God will fulfill the prophecies of Jesus' glorification. They also watch with intense interest the suffering and struggles of believers and how they play out in God's plan.

“...they know that these struggling believers are actually the recipients of God's greatest blessings and honored participants in a great drama at the focal point of universal history.”<sup>1</sup>  
Wayne Grudem

**POINT:** We can rejoice in our trials and sufferings even though we cannot see exactly how or when they will end. Just as the details of Jesus' suffering and glorification were not clear to the prophets so our present situations are not always clear.

- If you are suffering, keep your focus on Christ. Hebrews 12:1-2
- Remember that suffering is part of who we are in Christ. 2 Timothy 3:12
- Remember that proper response to affliction produces an eternal weight of glory. 2 Corinthians 4:17

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<sup>1</sup> Grudem, Wayne A. *1 Peter*. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries, Volume 17, Inter-Varsity Press, 2009, p. 78.