

The Book of 1 Peter

The Believer's Eternal Hope (1:3-2:10)

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. The Believer's Eternal Hope (1:3-2:10)
 - A. The Certainty of Our Hope (1:3-12)
 - 1. Orchestrated by the Father (1:3-5)
 - a. The Author of Our Hope: The Father (1:3a)
 - b. The Means to Our Hope: Salvation (1:3b)
 - c. The Content of Our Hope: Inheritance (1:4)
 - d. The Guarantee of Our Hope: Protection (1:5)

Parenthesis: What and Where is Heaven?

- 1. The Need for a Study of Heaven
 - A. Confusion on Heaven
 - B. Our Hope in Heaven
 - 1. Its Old Testament Moorings
 - 2. Its New Testament Explanation
 - a. Through the Words of Jesus
 - b. Through the Words of the Apostle Paul
 - C. Heaven and Our Inheritance in 1 Peter
 - D. Our Inheritance (Finished/Unfinished Business)
 - 1. Understood Generally
 - 2. Understood Specifically
 - E. Our Inheritance Confused

“The first heaven is the earth’s atmosphere (Gen. 8:2; Deut. 11:11; 1 Kin. 8:35); the second is interplanetary and interstellar space (Gen. 15:5; Ps. 8:3; Is. 13:10); and the third the abode of God (1 Kin. 8:30; 2 Chr. 30:27; Ps. 123:1; *Dan.* 2:28).”

Dr. MacArthur made the following statement, “Paul reminds his readers again that the resurrection body will not be flesh and blood, which, though wonderfully suited for earth, is not at all suited for heaven and therefore cannot inherit the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is not used here either in its universal sense, referring to God’s ruling the universe, or in its spiritual sense, referring to His ruling in the human heart, but in its consummate sense, embodying both and referring to the eternal state, to heaven. ‘Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly’ (v. 49).”

The Indispensable Nature of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

- I. The Historical Basis of the Resurrection: Christ's Resurrection (15:1-11)
- II. The Necessity of the Resurrection: True Christianity (15:12-34)
- III. The Nature of the Resurrection: A Real Body (15:35-49)
- IV. The Glory of the Resurrection: Victory over Death (15:50-58)
- V. The Essence of the Corinthians' Response (15:58)