

- With the verses we're looking at today, you could remove them and not disturb the flow and emphasis of what Peter has been declaring (3-9) ... **Vs9** easily connects with **vs13** – based on what God has done, here's how we're to live ... **"the grace to be brought to you"** points back to all that's been accomplished by the Father, Son, Spirit for you ... We are to **set our hope completely on** this work of grace ... **Completely – to the end**; a hope that **does not waiver**
 - The word **completely** gives good reason for why Peter adds what he does in **vs10-12** ... If left out, a natural question to ask: *Can I trust these words, Peter ... Can I trust what you've written ... Can I trust what God has declared concerning me* ... We all have questions like these, and it's natural to ask them ... But if we're not given solid-affirming truth, then our hope will begin to waiver, and it may not carry us to the end
 - Did Peter anticipate some of the questions people would have (we would have), **concerning this salvation** ... He regularly speaks and writes this way: **Acts2:23-24; 3:18-26; 10:42-43; 2Pet1:16-21 ... 1:13 → 1:10**
- The God who spoke all of Creation into existence, and filled the lungs of Adam and Eve with His breath, also spoke into existence the certain message of His salvation for man's sin and rebellion against Him ... **Gen3** records **the fall of man and the hope of God – 3:15** ... Being led by the Holy Spirit, Moses writes about **the grace that would come to us** ... God declares the end from the beginning – the victory of Christ Jesus over Satan, sin, death (**Heb2:14**)
 - Thus, **Gen3:15** begins the **Covenant of Grace** that God goes on to establish with those He calls ... The way God saves sinful individuals has always been the way He alone provides – **by grace alone, thru faith alone, in Christ alone** ... **Heidelberg Catechism**: *God Himself reveals the gospel in Paradise, then proclaims it by the Patriarchs and Prophets, foreshadowing His gospel of grace through sacrifices, feasts, and ceremonies of the law, until finally fulfilling His Covenant through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ*
 - The OT is filled with shadows and types that point forward to the coming of Christ ... God speaks forth His words of promise and declaration to those who are walking with Him in faith ... Each word sharpening the picture of Christ and His salvation that is to come ... The Spirit testifies to **the sufferings of Christ and the glories** ... **Of – belong to, destined for** (**Acts2:23-24**) ... As Jesus Himself says, **Mr8:31; Lk24:26,46-48**
 - With each promise He declares, God layers on assurance and hope and faith ... He goes out of His way to prove His faithfulness – **Heb6:18-20** ... God's word can be trusted, because Christ alone is the fulfillment of His word ... He is **the hope set before us, an anchor for the soul, firm and secure** ...
 - **Peter**: *everything was written and promised and done according to God's plan, so that when the time came for Christ to arrive, those who would behold His salvation and enjoy the effects of His salvation (YOU/US), would do so in awe and wonder, faith and surrender, hope and endurance, because of who God is and all that He has faithfully done for them through Jesus Christ ... On Him* do we set **our hope completely** upon
- The prophets pour over the promises of God, not to merely know answers to hard questions ... Instead, **they seek to know God's Messiah and the greatness of His salvation** ... **Phil3:8,10**, **"to know Christ"** – a **continual growth in knowing Christ** ... A knowing of Jesus that is **certain and unshakeable**
 - Biggest obstacle preventing you from knowing Christ: **YOU** ... Our pursuit of knowing Him is only limited by **how we pursue Him** ... Are you seeking to know Him ... Is He the very truth you live by and rest in
- The prophets longed to see the coming of salvation ... The angels long to see the fulfillment of salvation ... We long to receive the goal of our faith – eternal salvation ... **Therefore, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ**