

“An Incorruptible Salvation”

(I Peter 1:1-5, 18-19, 23-25)

Introduction: Science operates on the assumption that everything is changing and decaying. And what is true of the universe in general, is also true in each one of us, in particular. As soon as we are born, we begin to die. We decay, decline and go into corruption. This would be a very depressing thought, if we did not have the glorious truth of the unchanging gospel and person of Jesus Christ.

* We see three great ‘incorruptibles’

“That which is not liable to corruption or decay”. “Imperishable and Immortal”.

I. The Crown of our Salvation: (1:1-5)

- A. Is an incorruptible _____.
- B. His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a _____ hope!

* Hope defined: “An earnest expectation”

- C. What sets our hope apart from all other religions?

The _____!

- D. All other religious leaders died, were buried, and saw corruption. But not Jesus Christ! Our hope is alive, because the **object** of our hope is alive! (Acts 2:27,31)

- E. And we will enjoy an ‘Incorruptible Inheritance’

1. Imperishable...Time will not destroy it.
2. undefiled.....Sin cannot defile it.
3. Unfailing....Fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

II. The Cost of our Salvation: (1:18-19)

- A. Is not through “corruptible things”... (such as) silver & gold. But with the Incorruptible _____ of Christ.
- B. What is corruptible cannot purchase an incorruptible salvation.
- C. But we are redeemed with the precious _____ of Christ!
 - 1) Its purity...precious...w/o blemish and spot.
 - 2) Its permanence...incorruptible.
 - 3) Its power...able to redeem.

* Leviticus 17:11...It is **the blood** that maketh an atonement for the soul.

III. The Certainty of our Salvation: (1:22-25)

- A. We are born-again, by an incorruptible _____.
- B. By the **word of God**: Written, and Living!
- C. Romans 10:17....Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the _____ of God.

* **OUR SALVATION:**

1. Conceived in eternity...
2. Purchased at calvary...
3. Applied individually, through faith in His word..

* **Have you been:**

1. **Begotten again** unto a lively hope?
2. **Redeemed** by the blood of the Lamb?
3. **Born again** by the word of God?