

First Peter 1:1-12



Monday Night Meeting

Introduction



✧ 1 Peter 5:12 “...I have written briefly exhorting and testifying this to be the true grace of God in which you must stand.” (literal translation)

Introduction



❧ ***Overall Purpose (1 Pet 5:12)***

- ❧ To testify to God's gracious activity
- ❧ To exhort concerning our response

❧ ***Structure of 1 Peter***

- ❧ Salutation (1:1-2)
- ❧ God's Gracious Activity in the Lives of Suffering Believers (1:3-2:10)
 - ❧ Destined for Salvation (1:3-12)
- ❧ The Responsibilities of Suffering Believers (2:11-5:11)
- ❧ Final Greeting (5:12-14)

1 Peter 1:1



petros apostolos iēsou christou
eklektois parepidēmois diasporas
pontou galatias kappadokias asias kai bithunias

Salutation



Elect= chosen, selected	Aliens= temporary residents, strangers
Relationship to God	Relationship to society
Privileged	Disadvantaged (suffering)
We are strangers because we are chosen	

Salutation



- ❧ **Origin:** According to the foreknowledge= Has two ideas: God knows (beforehand) and God has ordained.
- ❧ **Means:** Sanctifying work of the Spirit= broad sense= Whole purifying work of the Spirit of God in bringing sinners into right standing before God.
- ❧ **Purpose:** Obedience= The submission of our lives to the Lordship of Christ.

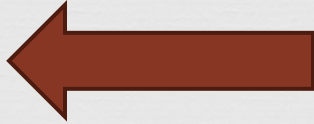
Salutation



and being sprinkling with blood= (sealing of the covenant)
Just as a new relationship was formed when Israel chose to obey and was sprinkled with blood, so these believers enter a new relationship with God by obeying Jesus and being sprinkled with his blood.

Exodus 24:7-8 Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!" ⁸ So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

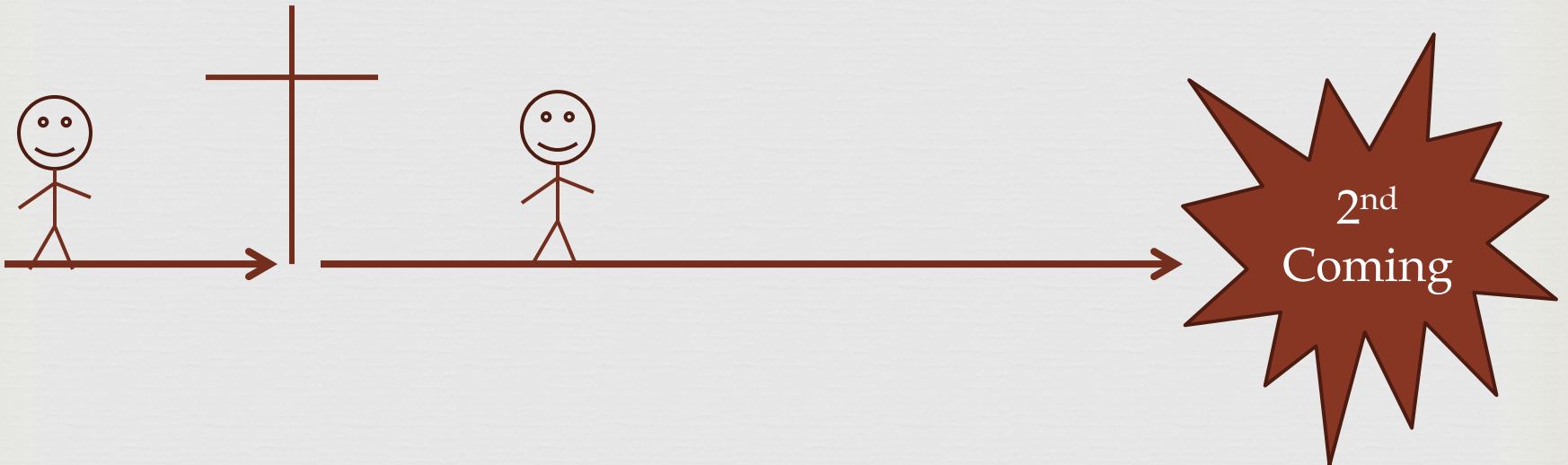
Past
1:10-12



Present
1:6-9



Future
1:3-5



Living hope
Inheritance
Salvation





Destined for Salvation (1:2-12)



☞ ***The Goal: Future Salvation (1:3-5)***

☞ v. 3 Born again to a living hope

☞ v. 4 Born again to an inheritance

☞ v. 5 Born again to a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Destined for Salvation (1:2-12)



☞ *The Means: Present Faith (1:6-9)*

☞ **in this you greatly rejoice**= our future salvation;

☞ **little while**= note the comparison between the permanence of our future and the brevity of our present circumstances

☞ **If necessary**= The only trials we experience as Christians are those God deems as necessary.

☞ **Grieved**= A right perspective does not mean there is no grief or pain.

Destined for Salvation (1:2-12)



☞ *The Means: Present Faith (1:6-9)*

- ☞ **Various trials**= many kinds of difficult experiences which bring out the character and nature of something or someone.
- ☞ **proof of faith**= genuineness as a result of a test.
- ☞ **Love, believe, rejoice**= the expressions of genuine faith.
- ☞ **Joy inexpressible and full of glory**= So real is this faith and anticipation that in some sense, they are already receiving a foretaste of their salvation and the joy of their inheritance.
- ☞ **V. 9 Outcome**=the goal of trials is final salvation

Destined for Salvation (1:2-12)



☞ ***The Means: Present Faith (1:6-9)***

☞ What is the relationship between faith and trials? How is this related to v.5?

- ☞ Faith is God's chosen means of protecting us unto salvation. Faith, like a muscle, must be exercised in order to be maintained. Therefore, God uses trials to give our faith a work out. Trials produce faith resulting in salvation
- ☞ Not only do trials maintain our faith, they grow and purify it, and display it both to ourselves and others.

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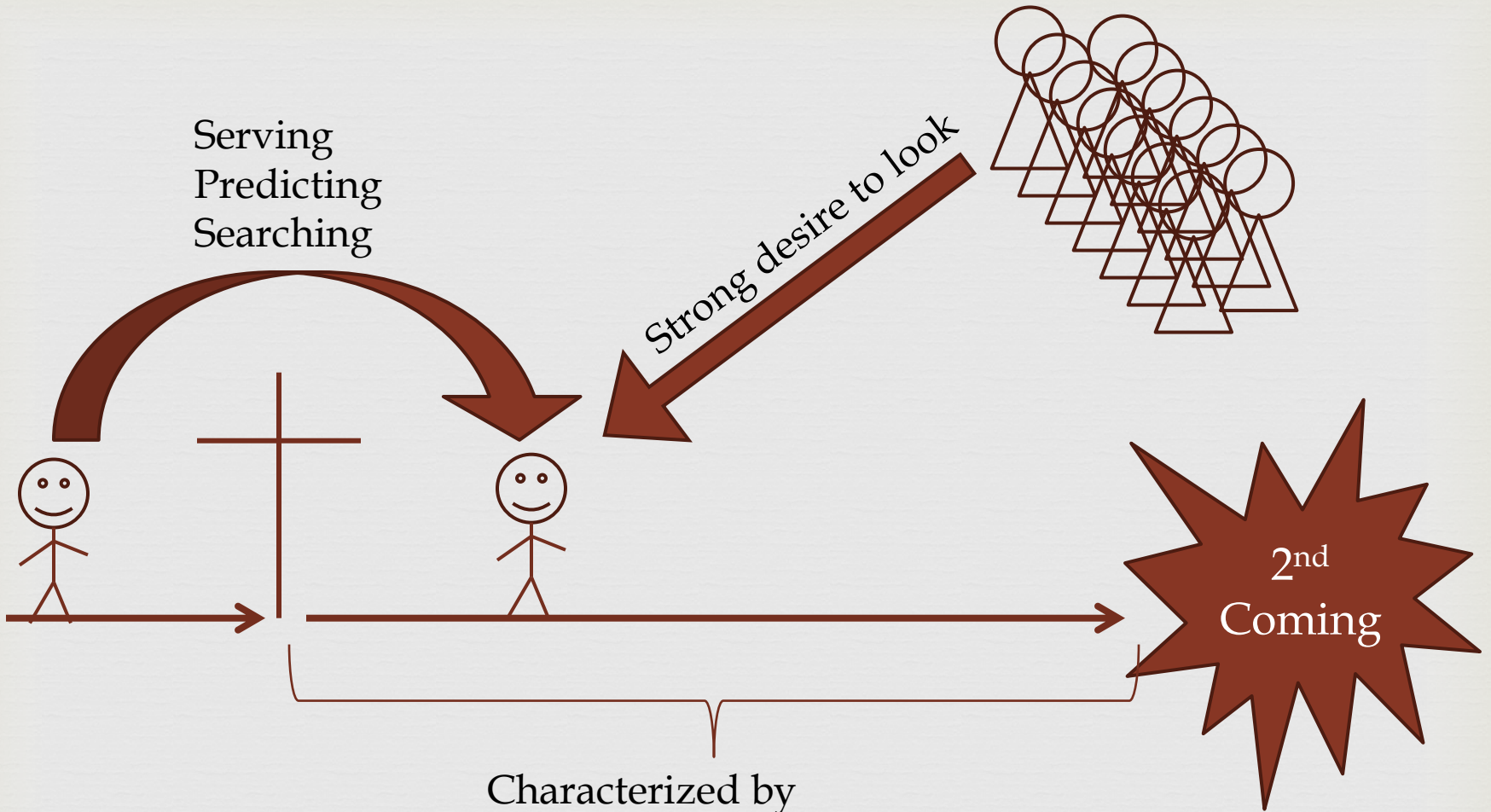
“On that great day of unveiling, when all things are made clear, I shall discover what my trials have accomplished. I shall perceive that they were all the time the instruments of a gracious ministry, strengthening me even when I thought I was being impoverished. The wonderful discovery will urge my soul into song, and praise will break upon my lips.”

Destined for Salvation (1:2-12)



☞ ***The Privilege: Past Prophecy (1:10-12)***

☞ The purpose of this section is to emphasize the greatness of salvation and the immense privilege of living at this particular point in salvation-history.



Serving
Predicting
Searching

Strong desire to look

2nd
Coming


Characterized by

- Grace
- Glories
- Preaching of the gospel
- Coming of the Spirit

Destined for Salvation (1:2-12)



The Privilege: Past Prophecy (1:10-12)

 From the world's perspective believers are strangers, a minority living on the fringe of society, but from God's perspective, they are recipients of God's greatest blessings and honoured participants in a great drama at the focal point of universal history" (Grudem 73).