

First Peter 1:22-2:10



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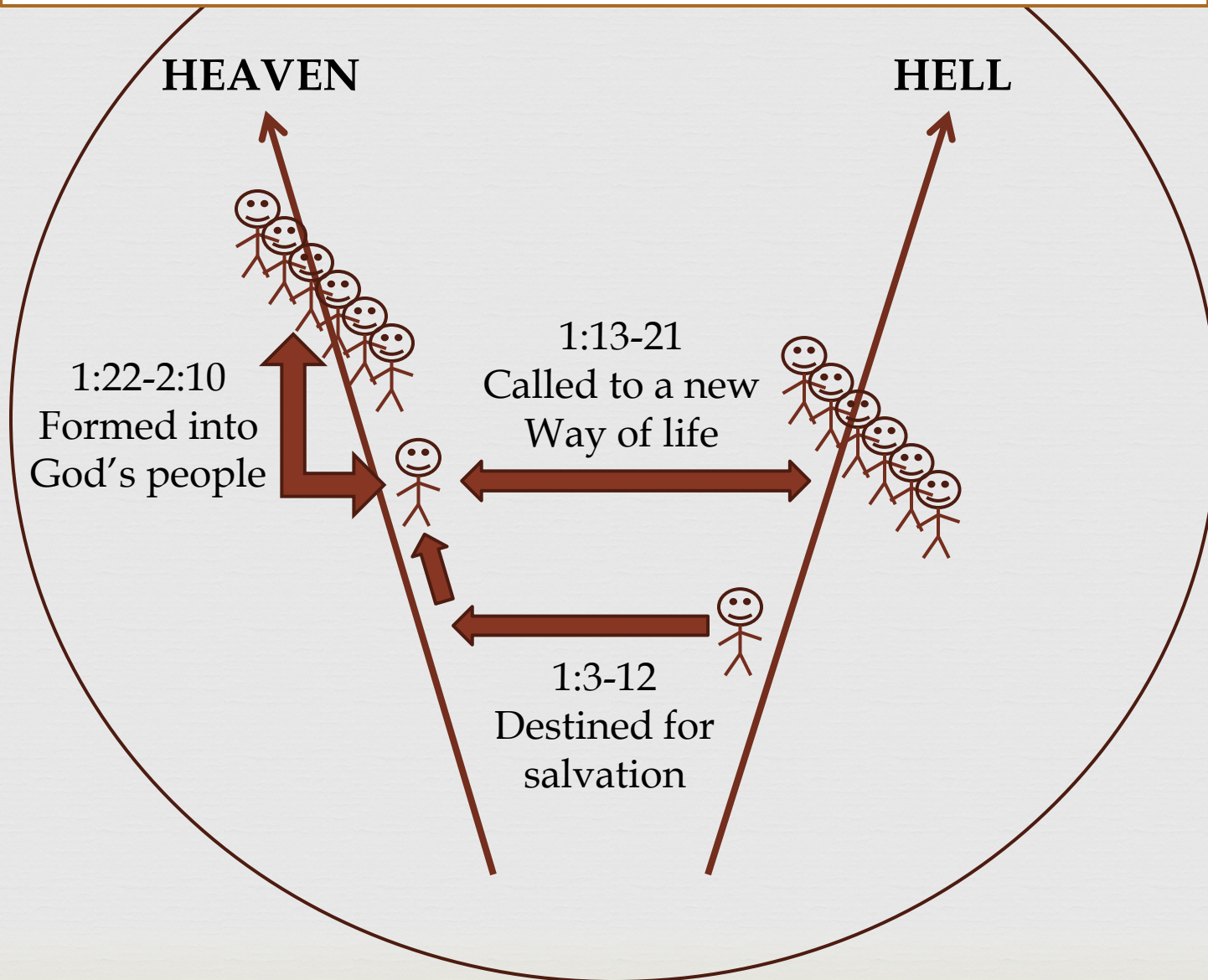
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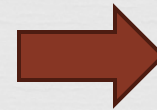


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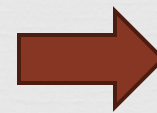
❧ 1:3-12 **Testifying:** The Glory of Future Salvation

❧ 1:13-21 **Exhorting:** Relationship to the World (Holiness & Fear)



2:10-4:6

❧ 1:22-2:3 **Exhorting:** Relationship to the Church (Love & Growth)



4:7-5:11

❧ 2:4-10 **Testifying:** The Privilege of Present Status



✧ **Inclusio:** A rhetorical device where the biblical author uses repetition in order to mark the beginning and end of a section.

Bookends

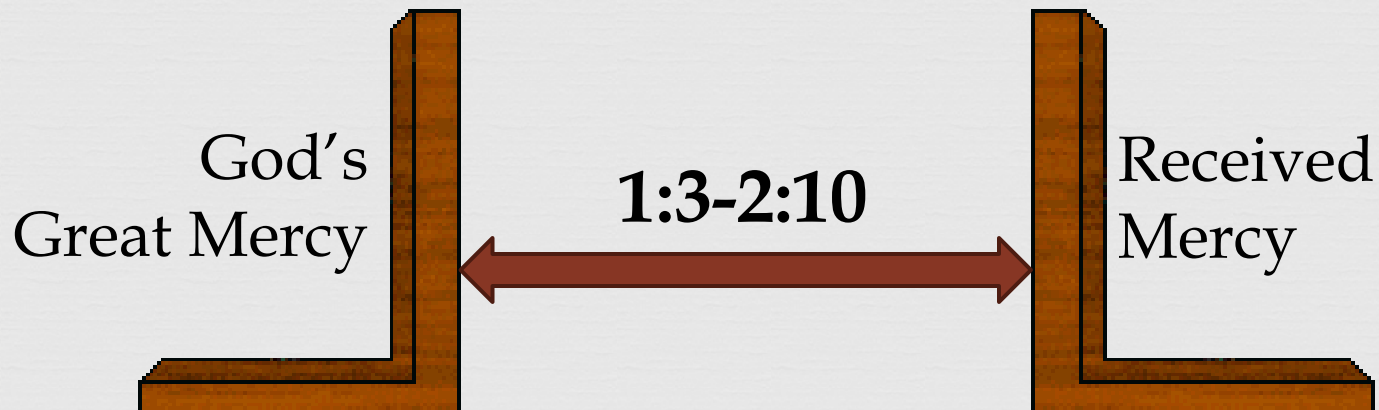


Blessed be the
God and
Father of our
Lord Jesus
Christ

1:3-2:10

You...proclaim
the excellencies
of God

Bookends



Big Picture

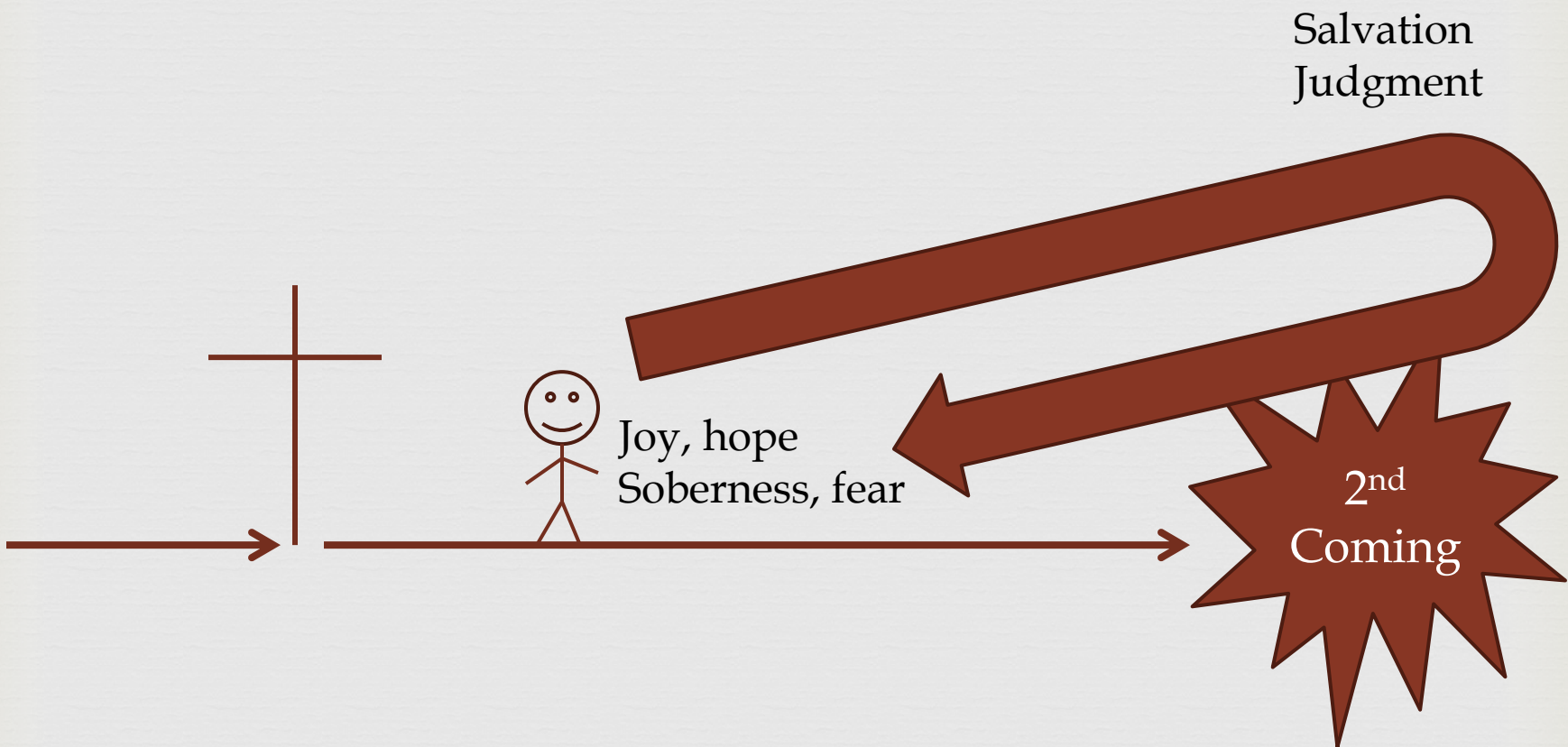


- ❧ **Statement 1:** God uses our faith to protect us unto final salvation
- ❧ **Statement 2:** Faith is forged in the furnace of affliction
- ❧ **Conclusion:** Prize final salvation in order to give perspective and meaning to your trials.
 - ❧ By living a holy life
 - ❧ By living in fear
 - ❧ By loving God's people
 - ❧ By longing for spiritual growth
 - ❧ By understanding your spiritual status



Holiness has no incentive
Fear has no basis
Trials have no purpose

No Future
No Salvation
No Judgment



Since you have purified your souls

Fervently love one another from the heart

For you have been born again
...through the living and enduring word of God

**Man's
Responsibility**

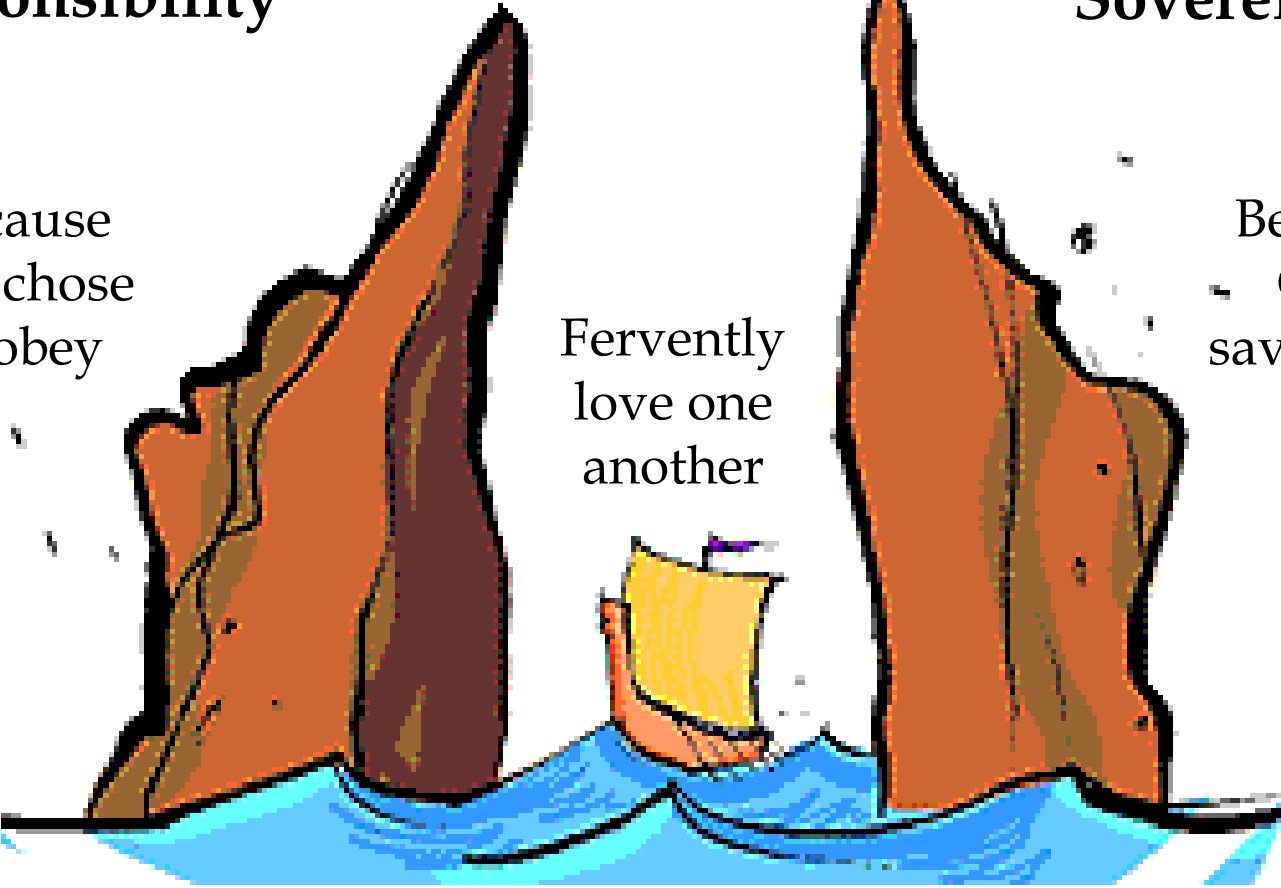
**God's
Sovereignty**



Because
you chose
to obey

Because
God
saved you

Fervently
love one
another



Hope expresses itself in loving God's people (1:22-25)



- ❧ **Human Element=** because you purified your souls: HOW? By obeying the truth WHY? For the purpose of a sincere (unhypocritical) love of the brethren
- ❧ **Fervently love one another=** could refer either to love's unwavering character (constantly) or its intensity (fervently).
- ❧ **Divine Element=** The seed which has sprung up and given new life is the implanted Word of God communicated through the proclamation of the gospel.

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☞ **1 Peter 1:4** to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away

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☞ **1 Peter 1:7** that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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☞ **1 Peter 1:18-19** ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

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☞ **imperishable**= Peter is emphasizing the enduring nature of what is true and what belongs to the Christian. His inheritance will endure and his faith will endure because he has been purchased with enduring blood and has been born again through an enduring Word.

Hope expresses itself in longing for spiritual growth (2:1-3)



☞ **Putting aside**= Participle. Used literally of taking off clothes, removing, laying aside.

All malice (wickedness)	Things which are contrary to a loving community.
All deceit (treachery)	
Hypocrisy (pretense)	
Envy (jealousy)	
All slander (Lit. against speech)	

☞ **Long**= Imperative. To have a strong desire for something with implication of need.

Hope expresses itself in longing for spiritual growth (2:1-3)



- ☞ desire the sincere milk of the word (KJV)
- ☞ long for the pure milk of the word (NASB)
- ☞ long for the pure spiritual milk (ESV)
- ☞ crave pure spiritual milk (NIV)

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art.

to

adject.

logikon

adject.

adolon

noun

gala

The spiritually speaking uncontaminated milk

☞ **to logikon adolon gala**= NOT “the pure milk of the word” BUT “The spiritually speaking uncontaminated milk”

Hope expresses itself in longing for spiritual growth (2:1-3)



Psalm 34:8

“O taste and see that the LORD is good” (NASB)

ΚΒ

διαδιδοντες υμιν τω πειστον
μαρφορ ωστοιθισωμοθ διαδιδω
χων η εγραψα πτωρα κωθωμη κωθ
επει μαρτυρωμ τωντη κεινοθ
δλησθη χορ η παθ. εις ηη στωε
δωταθε τευ μοθ η εν βω βυθωμ
συν εκλεκτη κωθωρ κοσον ιωθωθ
δωταθε δωθωθ δωθωθ η δωθωθ
μωτε η δωθωθ η δωθωθ η δωθωθ
πτερουετι στοη δωθωθ η δωθωθ

ΑΡΧΗ ΤΩ ΓΡΑΦΩΤΗ
ΚΑΙ ΤΩ ΔΕΙΞΙΝΑ ΟΚΩΤΗ

ΚΓ

ΠΤΕΡΟΥΕΤΙ ΣΤΟΗ Β

σινωη πτερος δωθωθ κωθωθ στο
τωσ ηη χρω τοισι στωμο κωθωθ
λαχορ ηη ηη στωη εν η κωθωθ
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Abbreviation	Stands for	Meaning
$\overline{\theta\varsigma}$	θεος	God
$\overline{\iota\varsigma}$	ιησους	Jesus
$\overline{\chi\varsigma}$	χριστος	Christ
$\overline{\kappa\varsigma}$	κυριος	[the] Lord
$\overline{\pi\eta\rho}$	πατηρ	father
$\overline{\upsilon\varsigma}$	υιος	son
$\overline{\sigma\eta\rho}$	σωτηρ	savior
$\overline{\pi\nu\alpha}$	πνευμα	spirit
$\overline{\sigma\tau\varsigma}$	σταυρος	cross

Standard Nomina Sacra

... και ας και ατιο και η ψευδης οτα
... ον χω προθετων δεκατετα
... ωματι ογκοι δα ειτε κτο στογ
... κοιλα θε ο λα εν αρτ. αρεντακτ
... σωστρη του ογκου και ο λα
... λωρωπον ειτε εν κονατι εν
... σωματος ογκοι λα θε ο λα ο
... ερητομη παραλειπον και η κοη



ei egeusasthe oti $\overline{\text{chrs}}$ o $\overline{\text{ks}}$ } P72
If tasted that Christ is Lord

ei egeusasthe oti chrestos o kurios }
If tasted that kind (is) the Lord

✧ **Tasted the kindness of the Lord= Chrestus or
Christos (Kindness or Christ)**

Hope expresses itself in longing for spiritual growth (2:1-3)



☞ **Milk=** What does milk stand for?

☞ Tasted that the Lord is kind= The milk is the regenerative Word of God. If you have been given new life by the Word, then yearn for the Word so you may grow.

☞ Tasted that the Lord is Christ= The milk is Christ himself. We long for him by (v4) coming to him in order to offer up spiritual sacrifices. Longing for milk may speak of seeking Christ corporately and individually in worship, praise, and prayer.

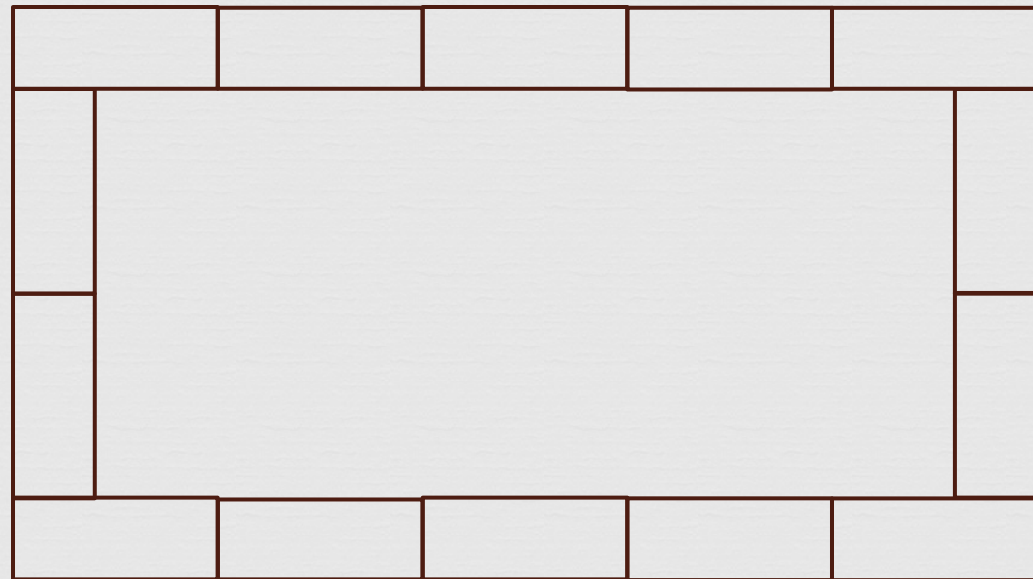
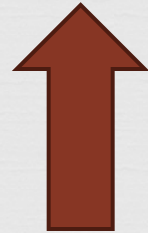
Hope depends on understanding our position and purpose (2:4-10)



☞ **Main Idea (v.4-5):** It is our relationship to Christ which gives us both a very high and privileged position before God and a very low and despised position before the world.

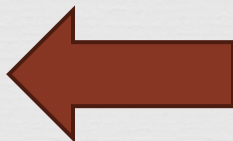
Status in Relationship to God

- Chosen
- Highly honored
- Priests of God



Status in Relationship to the World

- Evildoers
- Haters of Mankind
- Party poopers



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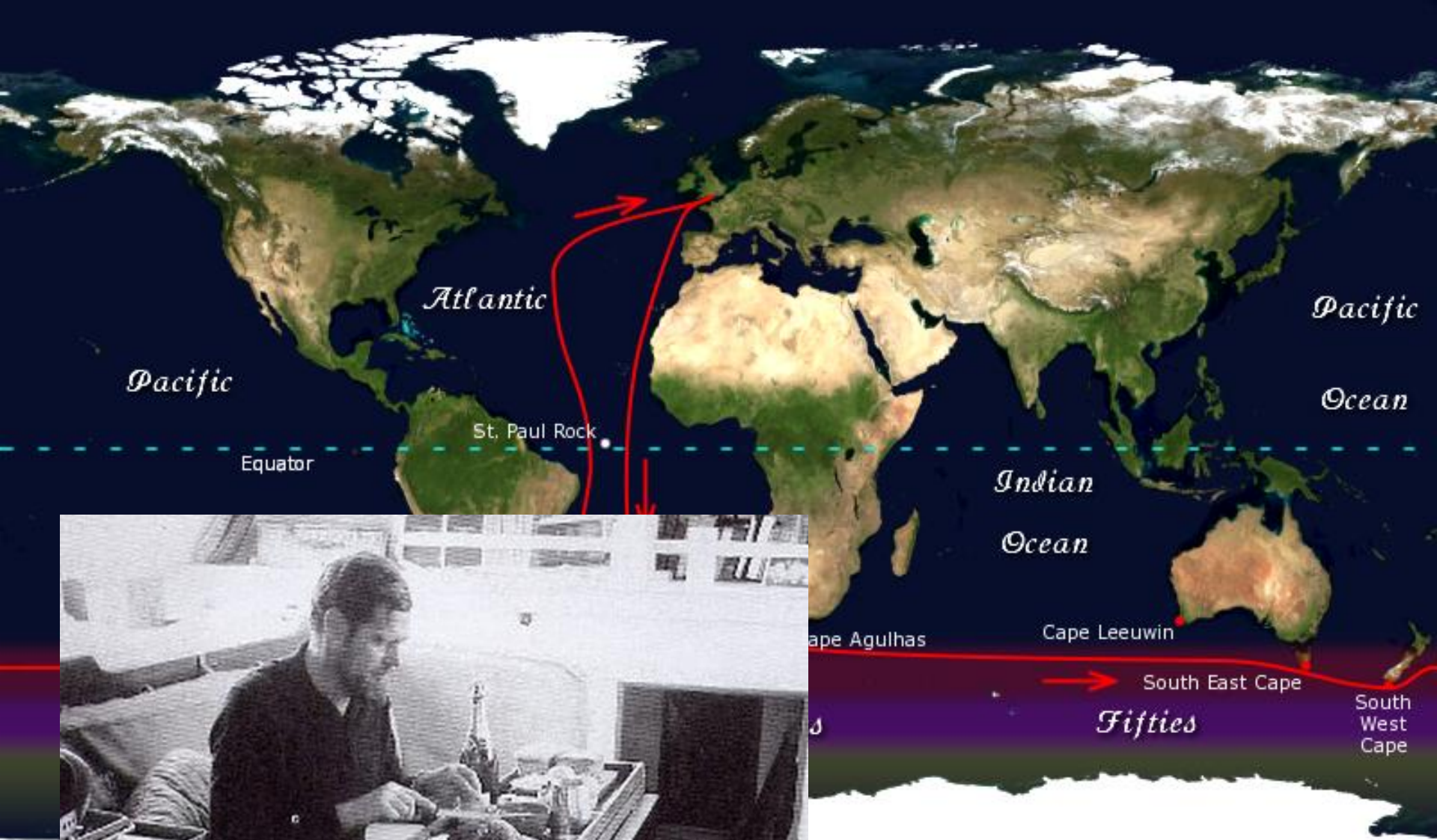
NATIONAL BESTSELLER

A VOYAGE FOR MAD MEN

Nine men set out to
race each other around the world.
Only one made it back.



PETER NICHOLS



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- ☞ **Main Idea (v.6-8):** The fate of all humanity hinges on the person of Christ.
 - ☞ **Positive:** Those who believe in Jesus build upon him and participate in his being chosen and highly honored.
 - ☞ **Negative:** Those who refuse to believe and obey Jesus stumble over him and reject their only source of salvation.

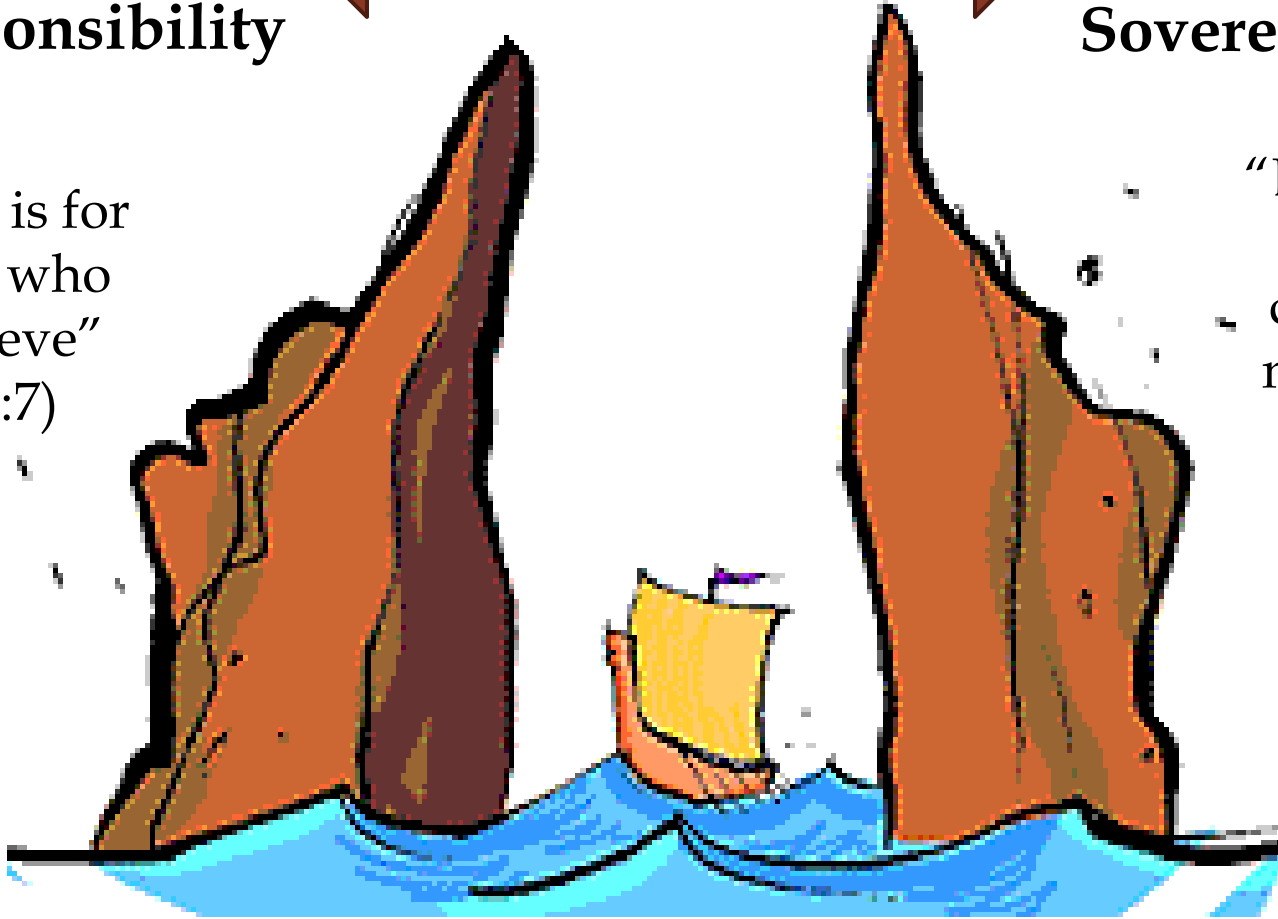
Man's Responsibility

“...it is for
you who
believe”
(2:7)



God's Sovereignty

“But you
are a
chosen
nation”
(2:9)



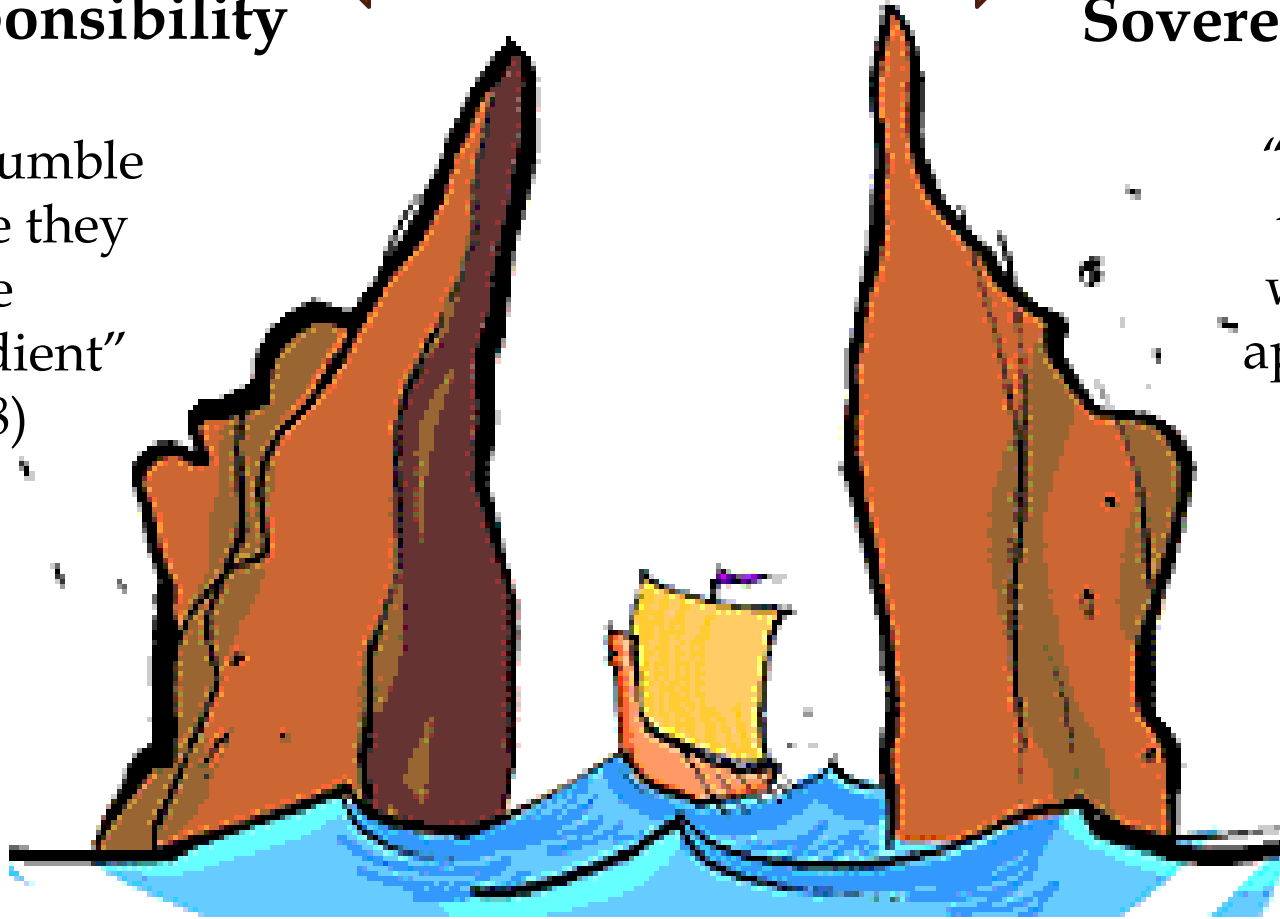
Man's Responsibility

“they stumble
because they
are
disobedient”
(2:8)



God's Sovereignty

“...and to
this they
were also
appointed”
(2:8)

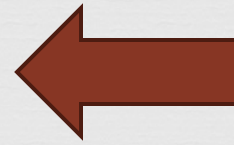
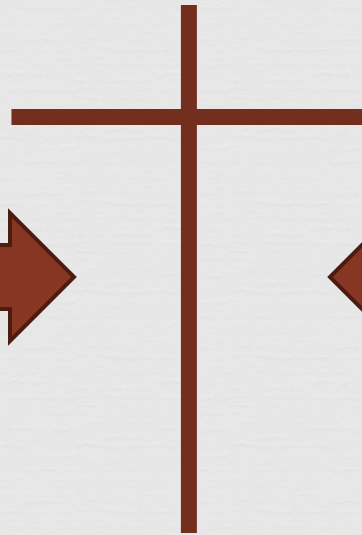
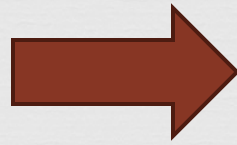


Hope depends on understanding our position and purpose (2:4-10)



- ☞ **Main Idea (v.9-10):** You are connected to Christ and therefore chosen, highly honored, and priests of God.
- ☞ **Purpose (v 5, 9):** All of this is for the purpose of offering an acceptable sacrifice to God= proclaiming His excellencies (His mighty and glorious deeds)

O.T. Priesthood
offered physical
sacrifices
predicting Christ's
sacrifice



N.T. Priesthood
offers spiritual
sacrifices
proclaiming
Christ's sacrifice

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☞ Summary:

- ☞ Recognize your privilege
- ☞ Expect Suffering
- ☞ Praise God

Question for July 15



✧ What does Peter mean in 2:16 when he writes that we are to use our freedom “as slaves of God”? What is freedom? How can freedom be consistent with slavery?