

# Our Reservation in Heaven

## 1 Peter 1:3, 4

### Introduction:

- A. “Do you have a reservation, Sir (Madam)?” - can be disquieting question at times.
- B. Peter tells us about a reservation in heaven:
  - 1. “An inheritance” for God’s children. (Vs. 3, 14, 23).
  - 2. “Incorruptible, undefiled, does not fade away.”
  - 3. “In heaven” - our hope is not for earthly utopia.
  - 4. Source of joy in the midst of trouble. (Vs. 6-9).
- C. Peter tells us that our reservation in heaven is assured by several factors:

### Discussion:

#### **II. Our Reservation Is Assured by God’s Initiative.**

- A. His mercy and grace. (Vs. 3,10; cf. Tit. 2:11, 12).
- B. His Son’s resurrection. (V. 3; cf. 1 Pet. 3:21)
- C. His power. (V. 5; cf. Rom. 1:16).
- D. His Son’s blood. (Vs. 18-19; cf. Rev. 1:5; Heb. 9:11,12).
- E. His eternal plan. (Vs. 20, 21; cf. Eph. 3:10,11).

#### **III. Our Reservation Is Assured by the Word of God.**

- A. Revealed by Spirit of God. (V. 12; cf. Eph. 3:3-5).
- B. Preached by inspired men. (Vs. 12, 25; cf. Gal. 1:8,9).
- C. Agency by which we are born of the Spirit. (V. 22, 23).
- D. Begets us to the incorruptible inheritance. (V. 4; 23-25).

#### **IV. Our Reservation Is Assured by Our Response to God’s Initiative Revealed in Word of God.**

- A. We must believe. (Vs. 18-21).
- B. We must obey the truth to purify souls. (V. 22).
- C. We must obey the truth to be born again. (Vs. 22, 23; cf. Gal. 3:26,27).
- D. We must live as obedient children:
  - 1. Not conforming to former lusts. (V. 14).
  - 2. Be holy in conduct. (Vs. 15-16).
  - 3. Fear (reverence) God. (V. 17).
  - 4. No longer living by tradition, but revelation. (V. 18).

### Conclusion:

- A. You have a reservation, Sir or Madam, if:
  - 1. You are born again. (Cf. John 3:3,5 ; Rom. 6:4).
  - 2. You are living as an obedient child. (V. 14).