

Keep Calm and Carry On

1 Peter 1:1-12

INTRODUCTION

Four focal points:

I. Peter, the Writer (vv. 1-2)

- A. Apostle of Jesus Christ (v. 1)
- B. To chosen aliens
 - 1. Scattered
 - 2. Chosen
 - a. According to God's foreknowledge (v. 2)
 - b. For sanctification of the Spirit
 - c. Resulting in
 - i. obedience to Christ
 - ii. cleansing by Christ
- C. May you abound
 - 1. In grace
 - 2. In peace

II. God, the Blessed (vv. 3-5)

- A. Blessed... (v. 3)
- B. The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- C. Who rebirthed us, or, "who has caused us to be born again"
 - 1. According to His great mercy
 - 2. Unto a living hope
 - 3. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - 4. Unto an inheritance (v. 4)
 - a. imperishable

- b. undefiled
- c. unfading
- d. reserved – kept, guarded
 - i. in heaven
 - ii. for you who are kept (v. 5)
 - a) by God’s power
 - b) through faith
 - c) for a prepared salvation to be revealed in the last time

Summary thus far: We are chosen according to God’s foreknowledge, rebirthed by Him to a living hope and heavenly inheritance, and are protected by God’s power until full and final salvation!

III. We, the Aliens (vv. 6-9)

A. Rejoice (v. 6)

1. Though it is necessary now to suffer a little for a while
2. So that the genuineness of your faith (v. 7)
 - a. which is more precious than gold that perishes
 - b. might be found
 - i. though tried by fire
 - ii. to result in praise, glory, and honor
 - ii. at the revelation of Jesus Christ

B. Love Jesus Christ (v. 8)

1. Though not having seen Him
2. Though not now seeing Him
3. Yet believing in Him

C. Rejoice!

1. With inexpressible and glorified joy
2. Receiving the goal of your faith, salvation of your souls (v. 9)

IV. They, the Prophets (vv. 10-12)

A. Prophets inquiring (v. 10)

1. Sought and inquired concerning that salvation [v. 9]
2. Prophesying concerning the grace meant for you
3. Investigating what person or which time (v. 11)

B. The Spirit of Christ in them indicating, testifying beforehand

1. The sufferings of Christ
2. The glory after these things

C. God revealing (v. 12)

1. They weren't ministering these things to themselves but to you
2. These things were now announced to you by the preaching of the Gospel
3. These things that angels desire to look into

CONCLUSION