A LIVING HOPE...
...A SURE SALVATION

Overhead Charts Used In Teaching
Studies From 1st and 2nd Peter

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Why An Unconditional Election Is False

1. Salvation is conditional  
   Mt 7:21  Lk 13:3

2. It portrays God as arbitrary, even cruel

3. It negates human responsibility; man is reduced to a mere puppet

4. God’s invitations become void  
   Mt 11:28-30

5. God is made a respecter of persons  
   1 Pet 1:17
True Biblical “Election” From This Verse

1. God The Father chooses based upon His foreknowledge cp. Rom 8:29-30
2. God The Spirit sanctifies through His work cp. Jn 17:17
3. God The Son sprinkles (cleanses) through His sacrifice cp. Heb 9:11-14 10:19-22 1 Jn 1:7

Compare to 2 Thess 2:13-14
1 Pet 1:4

1. It is imperishable  (will not corrupt, perish)
   cp. Mt 6:19-20   Rom 1:23   1 Cor 9:25   15:52

2. It is undefiled  (pure, free from contaminants)
   cp. Heb 13:4   Jas 1:27

3. It will not fade away  (not bound by time; will not lose its luster or beauty)

4. It is reserved in heaven  (safely prepared, kept)
   cp. Mt 27:36   Eph 4:3   2 Pet 2:4,9,17   3:7
1 Pet 1:13
God has planned our salvation and brought it about (vv. 2-12). What does He expect of us?

1. “Gird up the loins of your mind”
   - gathering up mental resolve  cp. 2 Cor 10:5

2. “Be sober in spirit”
   - temperance in calmness    cp. 1 Pet 4:7  5:8

3. “Rest your hope fully”
   - unwavering confidence, faithfulness to the end
1 Pet 1:15-19

We should live holy lives because...

1. ...God is holy, and instructs us to be vv. 15-16

2. ...God is the impartial Judge, and will judge us based upon our work v. 17

3. ...we have been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ vv. 18-19
   - this shows gratitude on our part
The Newborn Babe  1 Pet. 2:1

What Is To Be “Put” or “Laid” Aside?

1. Malice  →  An evil desire; esp. to injure another
2. Guile  →  “To catch with bait;” craftily deceive
3. Hypocrisy  →  Deceptive actions & attitudes
4. Envy  →  Unhappiness at others’ good fortunes
5. Slander  →  Defamatory words about others

These all prevent the love commanded of us in 1:22
The People Of God

1 Pet 2:9

Obedient believers in Christ are...

1. ...a chosen race → selected by God, called to Him
   cp. 2 Thess 2:13-14

2. ...a royal priesthood → empowered to officiate in worship; royal because of the King
   cp. Rom 12:1

3. ...a holy nation → a group set aside for sacred purposes
   cp. 1:15-16 2 Cor 7:1

4. ...God’s own possession → belonging solely to God, as a prized possession
   cp. Titus 2:14
1 Pet 2:13 - 3:12

1. In civil responsibilities 2:13-17
   - It is “for the Lord’s sake” cp. Mt 22:21
   - It is the will of God cp. Rom 13:1-2

2. In secular duties 2:18-20
   - It is commendable before God to patiently endure suffering when doing good
   - It follows Christ’s example 2:21-25
SUBMISSIVE SOJOURNERS

1 Pet 2:13 - 3:12

3) In personal relationships 3:1-7
   - It is to win the unbelieving spouse vv. 1-2
   - It is precious in the sight of God vv. 3-4
   - It aids in understanding the wife v. 7

4) Among the brethren 3:8-12
   - It produces “like minds” v. 8 cp. Phil 2:1-4
   - It maintains contact with God vv. 9-12
“ENOUGH IS ENOUGH”

1 Pet 4:3-4

What Sins From Saints’ Prior Living Have Been Indulged In “Enough”?

1. **Sex** → sensual, lascivious living

2. **Alcohol** → that which removes sobriety
   - even “social drinking”

3. **Idolatry** → anything that replaces God
Enduring The “End Of All Things” 
1 Pet 4:7-11

In What “Duties” Were Saints To Engage To Persevere During Their Sufferings?

1. Personal v. 7 (sobriety, prayer)
2. Non-Miraculous vv. 8-9 (fervent love & hospitality towards others)
3. Miraculous vv. 10-11 (speaking, using other gifts)

What application is there for Christians living & suffering today?
Liberal Abuse Of 1 Pet 5:2

The elders of church of Christ X have violated 1 Pet 5:2

Some on-going project “sponsored” by church of Christ X

Continual Contributions

church of Christ A

church of Christ B

church of Christ C
What God Does Through Sufferings

1 Pet 5:10

1. Perfects - to mend, repair, eliminate any deficiency  cp. Mt 4:21

2. Confirms - to make fast, fix or support that which totters  cp. Lk 22:32

3. Strengthens - to impart strength in order to resist attacks

4. Establishes - to lay a foundation, to make more stable  cp. Lk 6:47-48
A "WELL-ROUNDED" CHRISTIAN

2 Pet 1:5-11

FAITH
Rom 10:17; Heb 11:6

LOVE
1 Cor 13:1-8; 1 Thess 3:12

BROTHERLY KINDNESS
Rom 12:10; 1 Pet 1:22

GODLINESS
1 Tim 2:2; 4:7-8

PERSEVERANCE
1 Cor 15:58; 2 Cor 11:23-28

MORAL EXCELLENCE
1 Cor 16:13

KNOWLEDGE
Rom 10:1-3; 1 Cor 8:1-2

SELF-CONTROL
1 Cor 9:25-27; Gal 5:23
MAN (Imperfection) Notice v. 8a

CHRIST (Perfection) cp. 1 Pet 2:21
Judgment Is Not Idle

2 Pet 2:3-9

God’s *punishment* against sin is certain

1. Angels who sinned were cast down v. 4
   cp. Jude 6

2. Ungodly antediluvian world was destroyed in the flood v. 5

3. Sodom & Gomorrah were condemned vv. 6-8
   cp. Gen 13:13 Jude 7
God’s deliverance of the faithful is certain

1. Angels are outside God’s grace  Heb 2:14-16

2. Noah was “preserved” because he was obedient and faithful  v. 5  cp. Gen 6:22

3. Lot was “rescued” because he was righteous  v. 8

Application: God can deliver us from the temptations of false teachers while committing them to certain punishment  v. 9
The Error Of “Once Saved, Always Saved”  2 Pet 2:20-22

1. Those who escape the world’s defilements can again be entangled in them  v. 20
2. Those who know the way of righteousness can turn away from it  v. 21
3. Those who have been saved can again return to the filthiness of sin  v. 22
The Error Of Premillennialism

2 Pet 3:6,10,12

The First “Destruction”

v. 6

“Old” Earth
Pre Flood

“New” Earth
Post Flood

The flood did not “destroy”
or annihilate the earth...it still
existed after the waters
receded (Gen 8:13ff; 9:1)

The Last “Destruction”

vv. 10,12

Present
Earth Now

No Earth
Post Fire

Not a pattern.
The fire will annihilate the earth,
leaving nothing for an earthly
kingdom (1 Thess 4:16-17)