

1 Peter 1:3-5 - I'm looking for something to sing about
 Holiday season great for lyrics - Singing + Paul McCray; counsel,
 Not at all sing over verses of hymns - a spiritual indicator.
 Last = Doxologies in midst of persecution - For this great
 Salvation 3 E's - Born to it - born 615 Hope, intention, Sal
 (BORN CROWNING MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY)

I - Hope - 1. Living = energetic life 2. By resurrection
 A 1000 DEATHS
 It is X's Resurrection that enables this hope in
 us = God has last word - Future belongs to us
 If death is last word, then all other words are meaningless
 - if everything ends in death, then everything is dead
 in the beginning - Albert Camus

= earn a living to eat to replace energy expended by
 earning living = 1 step forward, 2 steps back.
 => Peter made much of X's resurrection, but it
 made much of Peter

Hope of dying keeps me going - a fatal flaw - nothing lasts

- I - Inheritance - in heaven. 1 - Character
 (1) Inscrutable = won't perish or end, decay - ^{Greatest joy} tainted w/ pain
 (2) undefiled - free from impurity, stained, tainted
 (3) Unfading = won't wear, fade, become dull, weary of it.
 (2) Certainty - reserved - ^{won't need a pedestal} - guarded, watched over

II - Salvation = climax of passage - seems up
 all that precedes =
 1 - we are kept = 2 way security
 2 - Body to be revealed = Don't know that
 we haven't seen Don we have seen -
 "Dig all that water!" "Oh no top!"

- the hope -> it is an inheritance -> a salvation to be revealed
 3 but 1 -> each advances to the next

In persecution, we must learn to rejoice in
 the right things.

Selection - chosen = of course, new
 Can't hope to be part of our community

1 Peter 1:1, 2 = Intro - Church Colson's message = Post-Christian age = have you matured = frozen our literature, but becoming more hostile. Tolerate anything but righteousness - no longer user-friendly: might think of welcome in word = actually we are becoming more like N.T. → need a new evaluation of our place in the world - Relevance of 1 Peter Newspaper - Customs / Bible

Word needs as Colson "MFA"

I - Strangers in the World = CHARACTER, NOT IDENTITY = aliens, foreigners = this sets the mood, place not follows = basis of everything he has to say in 1 Peter = Deuteronomy = O.T. exile in Babylon of 5:13. Living as strangers in a strange land, aliens trying to stake out a living on someone's else turf - An island of our culture in the middle of another: a Colony, trying to preserve our distinctive language & life-style = but gradually being absorbed into alien culture = not all ends wanted to return. (2) Don't expect to be treated like natives = don't want to be treated as natives = eyes on Jerusalem / (3) Live by codes of your native home, not foreign country - Personal to Esther's King - There is a people whose law are different from all the peoples that are on earth → Daniel in Babylon (1 adductor 2 poor)

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John R. De Witt = why gambling not opposed in Memphis = higher Tapes - Economics not the issue We see our souls for lower tapes Desegregation of always brings trouble Rom 1:32 - a conspiracy among men

II - Selected out of the World = this is why we are strangers. - We need to be natives 1. Initiated by God 2. Expected by God = sovereign grace 3. Means God is at work. 4. Note the order assurance = no whole world stands against us.

We don't have to make ourselves strangers - just be what we are - The world will make us strangers Initiated Named in Peter's will

The more political power the church gains the more corrupt it becomes

The world is playing its role more accurately than the Church is.

III - Scattered throughout the World - Diaspora = Dispersed - Seed = origin of word - Jews dispersed throughout the world 1. Conscience of world - light, salt 2. Seed for harvest. Counterfeit 100 - "Real thing always rubs off"