

## How Big Is Your Salvation Story?

1 Peter 1:10-12

For centuries God's prophets predicted that the Christ would come. But those prophets did not get to see the fulfillment of what they foretold. Men like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and Zechariah lived in a time of prophetic e\_\_\_\_\_. They longed to see what they wrote about come to pass, but they did not see it, and they also didn't fully understand it. They were hungry to know more about the Messiah. They had an intense interest. It was their quest. Yet some details about the coming Christ remained a mystery. The full story of the Messiah remained a treasure chest they just couldn't unlock.

**Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.**

See Luke 10:23b-24, Luke 4:16-21, and Luke 24:25-27. We live in a time of prophetic f\_\_\_\_\_. So much that was promised has now come to pass.

**It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,** In God's shocking kindness to us, we have been served by both the p\_\_\_\_\_ of old and the p\_\_\_\_\_ of our day. The Spirit-produced prophecies of the coming Christ in the OT included us all along! They were not just for the people of the prophets' day or for Israel only. They were for us! And the same Spirit who guided the prophets also empowered the people who brought the Gospel (the good news message about Jesus' death and resurrection for us) to us! See 1 Peter 1:23-25.

**Who was that for you?**

**Who brought the word of God to you?**

**Whom did the Spirit sovereignly use to bring you the good news?**

**things into which angels long to look.**

The angels have some kind of curiosity about what we have been given by God. Jesus took upon himself our n\_\_\_\_\_ (not theirs) and suffered in our place for our sins (not the sins of the angels who sinned) that He might rescue us from the wrath we rightly deserve and restore us to God. See Hebrews 2:14-18.

Like John and Peter stooping to look into the empty tomb of the risen Lord Jesus, the angels have a strong desire to "stoop and look" into these things. While the angels are the curious spectators, we are the personal recipients of God's saving grace.

**the grace that was to be yours**

How great is the grace that God p\_\_\_\_\_ to bring to you in Christ! It was in the works for c\_\_\_\_\_. It was His plan for you before you were born and before time began. God did not just love you at the cross. He has loved you for millennia. He set His love upon you in eternity past. What grace has been brought to you and is now yours in Christ!

**It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,**

If God's mega mercy and great grace has come for you, you've heard the good news and trusted in Jesus Christ, you've been born again, and you now belong to God forever, then your story is **not** small! Peter says to us, "How blessed are **you**? How big is **your** story? How stunning is the Spirit-guided, centuries-old story of God's sovereign saving grace in **your** life? Well, just talk to the prophets. Just ask the angels."

(All Scripture taken from the ESV.)