

Loving An Unseen Savior

INTRODUCTION

1. Peter wrote two letters to Christians in Asia Minor.
 - a) They were suffering _____
 - b) No doubt many were suffering _____
2. Remember, they had never _____ Jesus!
3. Peter wrote to encourage _____

DISCUSSION

I. He Opens His Letter With Seven Faith Builders

- A. They were “begotten” _____ (v.3) _____
- B. They had a “promised” _____ (v.4)
 1. “Imperishable” _____
 2. “Undefiled” _____
 3. “Will not fade away” _____
- C. They had a powerful _____ (v. 5) _____
- D. Peter’s call for _____ (v. 6) _____
- E. They have a precious _____ (v. 7) _____
- F. They have an unseen _____ (v.8) _____
- G. All of this culminates in a certain _____ (v. 9) _____
- H. Let’s look again at verse 8: “*though you have not seen Him, you love Him...*”

II. Loving Jesus Does Not Depend On Seeing Jesus!

- A. Many that did see Him, did not _____
 1. To some He was just a common _____
 2. To religious leaders He was _____
- B. Today, “*though we have not seen Him, we love Him*” because we _____ Him, we _____ Him through the _____ (which is a great _____ to us!)

III. Loving An Unseen Savior Is Not Unreasonable For Us Because We Have An Inspired “Portrait”!

- A. Peter’s readers did not have the _____ record!
 1. Peter had seen Him, he could _____
 2. Today, we have the benefit of many _____
- B. He is shown to be completely _____
 1. We are attracted by His remarkable _____
 - a) He was _____
 - b) 1 John 4:19: “*We love Him because He _____*”
 2. He has done more for us than _____
 - a) Others have _____ for us
 - b) But, no one has done for us what He has done for us (Romans 5:6-8)
- C. Listen to this remarkable statement...
 1. II Corinthians 1:18-20a _____
 2. Yes, I will “*be with you _____*?” (Hebrews 13:5)
 3. Yes, I will _____ for us? (Romans 8:34)
 4. Yes, I will “*go, prepare _____*?” (John 14:1-3)
 5. Yes, I will “*heal our souls _____*?”

CONCLUSION

1. What is YOUR relationship with this marvelous friend?
2. John 20:24-29

