

## Sermon Notes

### Encouraging Words to Exiled Christians

“Comfort from God’s Engineering of Our Salvation”

I Peter 1:3

#### I. Review of last week.

##### A. Key points.

1. Addresses readers as exiles.
2. Purpose statement – I Peter 5:12
3. Beleaguered Christians need strengthened.
4. Written to the Chosen of God.

##### B. Note work of the Spirit.

1. By the sanctifying work of the Spirit, verse 2.
2. For the purpose – “that you may obey Jesus Christ,” vs. 2.

#### II. Today’s text.

##### A. I Peter 1:3

1. Note different translations.
2. Uniqueness of verb “caused to be born again” or “begotten us.”
  - a. Kistemacher
  - b. Clowney

##### B. Peter’s familiarity with Paul.

1. II Peter 3:15-16
2. Note how Paul discussed the born again experience
  - a. Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:5
  - b. Note a recent Greek Dictionary (Dictionary of New Testament Theology). “It denotes a s\_\_\_\_\_ act of God, p\_\_\_\_\_ on man and in m\_\_\_\_, but n\_\_\_\_\_ by m\_\_\_\_\_.

##### C. Jesus originally introduced the concept.

1. John 3:3; 3:5
  - a. Note the difference between “can” and “may.”
  - b. Illustration – the life preserver.
  - c. Illustration – cosmological argument.

#### III. Conclusion.

##### A. I Peter 1:3

1. We need this knowledge every day!

##### B. Our own salvation is our own personal encounter with God!