Lessons from

I & II Peter

# The Doctrine of Encouragement
## I Peter 1:1-9

# I. A SOVEREIGN ENCOURAGEMENT

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- John 1:12-13 "…he gave the right to become children of God, who were born…not of the will of man, but of God."
- John 5:21 "For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will."
- John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him."
- Rom 8:29 "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined…"
- Rom 9:11 "though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad – in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls"
- Eph. 1:4 "even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world…"

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Secure in Salvation:
1. Sovereignty
2. Spirit
3. Sonship

- John 6:39 "this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me…"
- Eph. 1:13-14 "were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance"
- Rom 8:30 "those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified"

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## God's Sovereignty & Security

- John 1:12-13, 5:21, 6:39, 6:44
- Rom 8:29-30, 9:11
- Eph 1:4, 13-14

## The Gospel & Man's Responsibility

- Rom 10:13 "For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"
- Rom 10:16 "But they have not all obeyed the gospel."
- II Thess 2:10 "…for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved."
- II Peter 3:9 "The Lord…is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

# III. A SETTLED ENCOURAGEMENT

# CONCLUSION

- A Sovereign Encouragement

- A Secure Encouragement

- A Settled Encouragement