

***Reasons To
Praise The
Lord***

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1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1 Peter 1:1-7 - continued

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Introduction

A. A Letter From Peter

- 1. A man who had trouble with his temper**
- 2. A man who had trouble with temptation**
- 3. A man who had trouble with his tongue**

B. A Letter to Believers (vv 1-2)

C. Begins With Reasons To Praise The Lord

I. God Has Given Us A Lively Hope (v 3)

“Unto a lively hope”

A. Not the condition of those without Christ

1. They have no real hope

Ephesians 2:12

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

2. They may have false hope

Proverbs 11:7

**When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish:
and the hope of unjust men perisheth.**

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B. Contrast these to Peter's living hope

1. Our Christ is alive

Romans 1:4

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

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B. Contrast these to Peter's living hope - continued

2. Our salvation is guaranteed

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

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B. Contrast these to Peter's living hope - continued

3. Our similar resurrection is sure

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

II. God Has Given Us A Lasting Inheritance (v 4)

A. Peter was the son of a poor fisherman

B. His earthy inheritance would have been small

C. He had left all to follow Christ

Mark 10:28

**Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all,
and have followed thee.**

II. God Has Given Us A Lasting Inheritance (v 4)

D. Now Peter realizes he has a great inheritance ahead

- 1. One that is incorruptible**
- 2. One that is undefiled**
- 3. One that will not fade away, not a mirage**
- 4. One that is reserved in heaven**

E. We are perishing people among perishing things

James 4:14

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

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F. In Christ, we do not perish, nor does our inheritance

John 10:28

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

III. God Has Given Us A Lifetime Of Powerful Protection (vv 5-7)

A. “Who are kept by the power of God”

1. “Kept” is a military word

2. We are guarded by the power of God

B. Our Lord cares for us everyday

C. He provides power to overcome temptation

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 5:5

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

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D. Even our testings and trials are temporary

- 1. The trying of our faith more precious than gold**
- 2. Problems now but praise later at the Lord's return**

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**God Has Given Us
Good Reasons To
Praise Him**

Are We?