

**“Born for Glory”**  
**“A Living Hope” Part 2**  
**1 Peter 1:1-12**

**1. You were chosen by God.**

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood:*

*Grace and peace be yours in abundance.*

1 Peter 1:1-2

**A note on foreknowledge:** Foreknowledge does not merely suggest that God knew in advance who would believe in Him and therefore chose them. Foreknowledge also means to set one's love on a person in a personal way. (2 Thess. 2:13-14)

**Questions to consider:** *Who or what made you decide to accept Christ? Is your salvation in God's hands or your hands?*

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.*

Ephesians 1:4

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Romans 10:13

As far as the Father is concerned, I was saved when He chose me in Christ before the foundations of the world.

As far as Christ is concerned, I was saved when He died for me on the cross.

As far as the Holy Spirit is concerned, I was saved when I heard the Gospel and received Christ.

*“If we separate these ministries, we either end up with divine sovereignty or human responsibility, and that would lead to heresy.”*

Warren Wiersbe

**2. You were given the benefits of a new birth.**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

1 Peter 1:3-5

A living hope is made possible by the living Son of God.

An eternal inheritance cannot wear out or disappoint us in any way.

Divine protection—It is His power that guards and guides us home to heaven.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

John 10:29

### **3. Making sense of trials and suffering.**

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:6-9

#### **Trials prove whether your faith is genuine or not.**

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Daniel 3:16-18

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!

Acts 5:27-29

#### **Trials will result in praise, glory and honor when Christ returns. (Psalm 103:15-17) Trust in Christ is not based on physical sight.**

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

#### **Trust in Christ's presence results in joy.**

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Daniel 3:28

#### **Trials reveal Jesus close. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)**

#### 4. Understanding God's plan of salvation past and present.

Concerning this *salvation*, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 1:10-12

From the prophets perspective it was hard to differentiate the suffering and the glory of Christ.

The Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of salvation.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

Ephesians 3:7-9

Our salvation is so incredible, even angels are interested.

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10-11

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