

LIVING HOPE FOR LASTING PRAISE

Sunday, July 13, 2025 – 1 PETER series – msg 5 – Pastor Ben Nistor

1 PETER 1:1–9

English Standard Version (ESV)

*1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

REVIEW: '1 Peter' Series So Far...

MSG 1: 'GENUINE FAITH TESTED BY FIRE':

First Peter was written to provide _____ to Christians who are suffering by encouraging these 'elect exiles' to look to Jesus's death and resurrection as evidence of God's promises.

MSG 2: 'ELECT EXILES OF THE DISPERSION':

The doctrine of _____ is amazing because God decides to love us!

MSG 3: 'PRESSURE & PERSECUTION FOR CHRIST':

The Old & New Testaments show the reality of _____. Jesus and the apostles viewed persecution as part and parcel of the Christian life under Roman rule.

MSG 4: 'WHAT IS PERSECUTION?':

Christians have endured many _____ of persecution... Generation after generation, Christians who have suffered persecution have set their hopes on God.

MSG 5 TODAY: 'LIVING HOPE FOR LASTING PRAISE'

THEME of _____! Because of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus

1 PETER: Christ, those who persevere in Him can have true hope amidst their own suffering and hardships knowing that God's saving promises will be delivered both now and forever.

KEY WORDS IN 1 PETER:

Born again

Living

Resurrection

Imperishable

Faith

Reveal

_____ time

3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

MAIN POINT OF 1 PETER 1:3–5:

Statement 1: What God does _____ and _____ us deserves our joyful praise.

Statement 2: Because God causes us to be born again, keeps our inheritance in heaven imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, and guards us by His power, he deserves our _____.

Statement 3: God's infinite mercy and power to make us born again, keep our inheritance, and guard us for salvation should fuel our hopeful, _____ - _____ adoration of Christ.

OBSERVATIONS FROM 1 PETER 1:3–5:

1) God caused us to be _____ to a living hope ... to an inheritance (v 3)

- The basis of new life: '*according to his great mercy*'
- The means of new life: '*Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*'
- The goals of new life: '*to a living hope... to an inheritance*'

God has saved us for a living hope AND a _____

2) God has kept for us an inheritance in heaven (v 4)

How is the inheritance described?

- The inheritance is _____.
 - Imperishable can describe resurrected bodies (1 Cor 15:52), prizes (1 Cor 9:25), beauty of a God-fearing _____ (1 Peter 3:4), or God's _____ (1 Pet 1:23).
- The inheritance is _____.
 - Undefiled can describe a sexually pure _____ (Heb 13:4) or religion (James 1:27).
- The inheritance is _____.

Imperishable and undefiled are also used to describe _____ (Rom 1:23; 1 Tim 1:17; Heb 7:26).

In other words, the inheritance includes _____.

God has kept the inheritance for _____ ... and he is keeping _____ for the inheritance.

3) God is guarding us for a future salvation (v 5)

- God is guarding us by His _____
- God is guarding us by our _____
- God is guarding us until the _____

'For a salvation ... ready to be revealed in the last time.'

Salvation's Three Timeframes:

_____ salvation: Justification (Romans 5:1)

Present salvation: Sanctification (Philippians 2:12–13)

_____ salvation: Glorification (Romans 13:11)

SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- Express your trust in God and your hope in his promises with joyful PRAISE (1 Peter 1:3)
- Reflect on these truths: 1) God saved me by His mercy, 2) God is keeping an inheritance for me, or 3) God is keeping me for an inheritance (salvation). Praise God for these truths.

READ ALOUD:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!"