

1 Peter Series “Given Hope and Kept Secure”
1 Peter 1:3-12
Sept 12

1 Peter 1:3-9

3 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, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 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. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 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, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

“A new birth into a living hope.”

Through Christ, a way has been opened. Jesus resurrection guarantees ours.

“An inheritance kept.”

Though we are scattered in this world, we are scattered sons and daughters.

“Shielded by God’s power.”

An inheritance is kept for you and you are being kept for an inheritance.

Colossians 3:1-3

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

2 Corinthians 1:22

(God) set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

1 Peter 1:6-7

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Sufferings point.
Sufferings reveal.
Sufferings strengthen.

1 Peter 1:10-12

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 12 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.

What is waiting?

1 Peter 1:7

7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Praise and glory all around.

Hebrews 2:10-12

10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. 11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. 12 He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Read v.1:3. What does Peter mean by a “living hope?” How does becoming a Christian mean that what God did for Jesus on Easter he does for you? In what ways?
- Peter says in 1:6-7 that suffering and trials benefit our faith, how does and doesn't make sense to you? Can you give an example from your own life how a trial produced faith and brought you closer to Jesus?
- Peter highlights a new relationship the Christian has with joy and sorrow. How do Christians become better at expressing both?
- Since you put your faith in Christ, how have your hopes changed?
- Share something difficult you are going through right now so that your Grow Group can be in prayer and support you.