

I Pet. 1:3-9

- I. God has done great things (3-5)
 - A. Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (3a)
 - B. Reasons why (3b-5)
 - 1. He has changed our lives – He has given us new birth. (3-4)
 - a. Reason – He did this because of His great mercy (3)
 - b. Results: (3-4)
 - i. We live in hope
 - a) We have a living hope – active hope
because of the partial realization of a future blessing
 - b) Means – our hope is guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
 - ii. We have an inheritance
 - a) Our inheritance is permanent
 - 1) Imperishable
 - 2) undefiled
 - 3) Unfading
 - b) Our inheritance is safe – “Kept in heaven for you.”
 - 2. He has made us secure – “you who are kept (guarded)” (5)
 - a. Kept by the power of God
 - b. Kept through faith
 - c. Kept for the salvation
 - i. Ready to be revealed
 - ii. Revealed in the last day
- II. Our response to what God has done (6-9)
 - A. We rejoice in suffering and will rejoice at the last day. (6-7)
 - 1. We will rejoice at that time (in the last day)
 - 2. Even though we may have to suffer now.
 - a. Suffering is a great possibility
 - i. It may be necessary (since it is necessary)
 - ii. Suffering in manifold trials
 - a) Type of trials
 - 1) Suffering
 - 2) Trials
 - 3) Manifold
 - b) Time of trials
 - 1) Now
 - 2) For a little while

- b. This suffering is for a purpose
 - i. The tested genuineness of our faith
 - a) Our faith is tested
 - b) Our faith is more precious than gold
 - 1) Gold is perishing – not like our faith
 - 2) And likewise, it is tried by fire to burn out impurities
 - ii. Our faith may be judged worthy by God
 - a) With outstanding results
 - 1) Praise
 - 2) Glory
 - 3) Honor
 - b) When Jesus is revealed
- B. We rejoice in expectation and will rejoice in fulfillment (8-9)
- 1. We love without sight
 - a. We have not seen Him
 - b. But we love Him
 - 2. We rejoice in faith and will rejoice in fulfillment
 - a. We will rejoice
 - i. The means by which we will rejoice
 - a) Even though we don't see Him
 - b) We believe in Him
 - ii. The result is that we will rejoice in that time
 - a) With unspeakable joy
 - b) With glorious joy
 - b. The reason – we are receiving and will receive the end goal of our faith
 - the salvation of our souls