

Greater worth than gold!

1Peter 1:1-12

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1 Peter Intro

Author & recipient

- **“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ” (1:1)**
- **a group of Christians scattered throughout the northern areas of Asia Minor**
- **“aliens”/“strangers” (1:1)**

Date & location & theme

- **wrote around AD 64**
- **“Babylon”— a common metaphor for Rome**
- **live in holiness, root our perseverance in the person & work of Christ, cling to hope in the midst of suffering. Understand Christian’s identity before God & in society.**

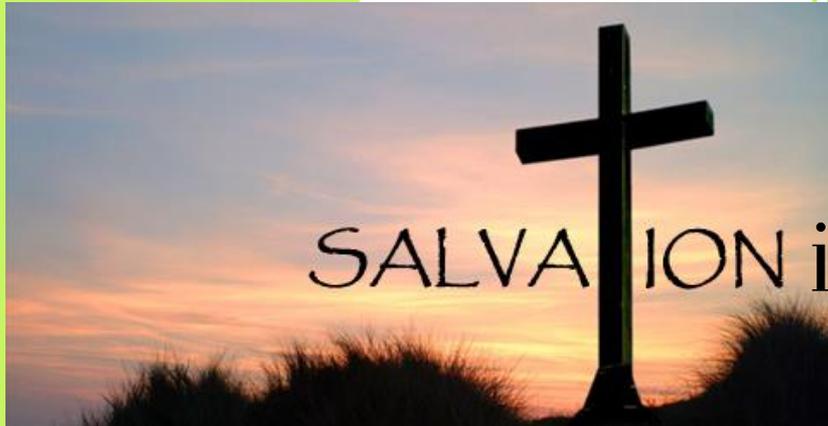
“you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

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 the Messiah 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)

What has happened in the past? (v.10-12)

- ▣ **Salvation revealed to prophets through the Holy Spirit in the past.**
- ▣ **Preached to the believers by the same Spirit.**
- ▣ **Angels look into.**



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. This inheritance is 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)

what will
happen in
the future ?
(v.3-5)

- **“an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.” (v.4)**
- **An eternal life with God.**
- **Kept in heaven, shielded by God’s power.**



In all 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 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. 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 end result of your faith, the salvation of your **souls**. (1 Peter 1:6-9)**

What is going to happen at present? (v.6-9)

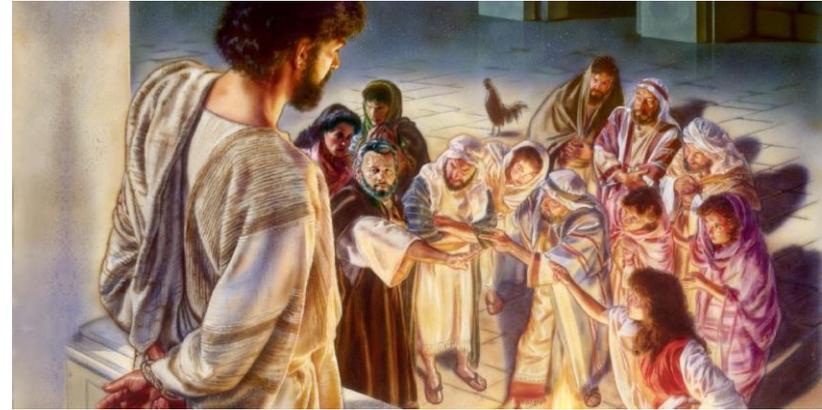


faith – of greater worth than gold!

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Trials...

- ❑ **“may have” - necessary(v.4)**
- ❑ **Peter’s firsthand personal experience (Luke 22:31-32)**
- ❑ **the opposition/sufferings occurs exclusively because of their faith in Jesus.**
- ❑ **“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,” (2 Tim 3:12)**



How should we live here and now?

Greatly rejoice (v.6)

- ▣ serenity in the heart, satisfaction & peace
- ▣ “all kinds of” trials vs. “all kinds of” grace(4:10)
- ▣ Reflect Jesus in our lives



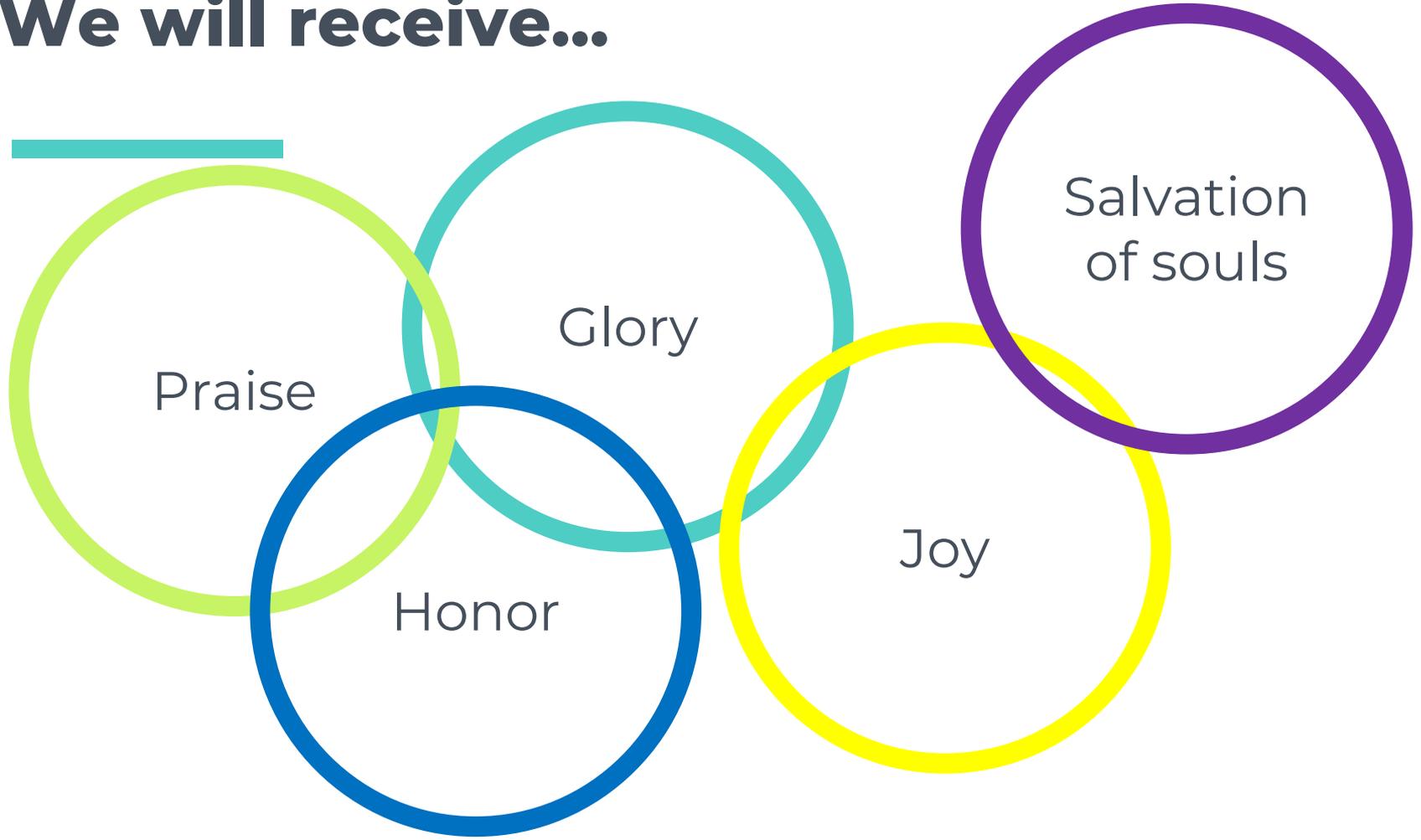
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love & believe in Jesus continuously (v.6)

- ▣ **loving Jesus & live for him.**
- ▣ **motivation to suffer for Christ**



We will receive...



Serenity Prayer (reinhold niebuhr (1892-1971))

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next. Amen.*