

I Peter

(3) Our Inheritance

...and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you... IPet.1:4; NIV

The great mercy of God gives us a living hope!...IPet.1:3-5

What is the only thing we can do after 1:1-2?

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! All praise goes to Him!

What is the first thing Peter now tells us we have been given by the Father's mercy? 1:3

He has given/caused us to be born again (a second birth). Born from above, Eph.2:1.

And what is it that we are 'born into'? 1:3; see 1:23 (same word)

Into a living hope through (by the means of) the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

How does this 'new birth' contrast to the 'old/first birth'? 1:24 (see Is.40:6)

All flesh, like grass, withers; flower falls off. The new birth is eternally alive with hope.

This *living hope* brings us into what kind of an inheritance? 1:4 cp Josh.11:23

Imperishable! can't spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you! What a living hope this is!

And what two things work together to make this inheritance imperishable (shielded)? 1:5a

The power of God working through our faith (which He gives us! Eph.2:8-9).

When will this imperishable inheritance, our salvation, be finally/totally revealed? 1:5b

"in the last time". When He shall appear we shall be like Him, IJn.3:2-3, our Hope!

Summarize what is taught here about our salvation. 1:1-5

He (God) caused our new birth to living hope in imperishable inheritance at His return.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, IPet.1:6; NAS

The purpose of our trials...IPet.1:6-10

What should be our response to such truth? 1:6a; James 1:2, 12; 5:10-11; Mt.5:12

In this you greatly rejoice! Count it all joy! You're in good company. His plan for us.

What is an inescapable part of waiting for the 'salvation to be revealed'? 1:6b

We may have to suffer grief (trials) of many kinds. The trials are seldom the same!

What are (4) characteristics of these refining trials? 1:6

1. little while (temp) 2. if necessary (His will) 3. distressed (real pain) 4. multicolored

*What is God's purpose in our trials? 1:7; 5:10; Gen.22:1; Ex.16:4; Prov.17:3; IJn.5:4

To prove your faith to be genuine which results in praise, glory, honor when He returns.

How is it that believers today are receiving 'the salvation of your souls'? 1:9-10

We haven't seen Him, don't see Him now, yet we believe in Him! Joyful outcome of faith!