

1 Peter 1:3-5

The glorious gifts of life, hope, and faith Part 2



**Praise of God should be central in our hearts
and our lives (3a)**



**Our merciful God gives us life and hope
through resurrection power in Jesus (3b)**

God's gospel grace secures the hope of lasting eternal blessings (1:4)

4...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...

- ▶ Children of God by faith in Jesus will experience the blessing and benefit of their union with Jesus for all eternity.
- ▶ This inheritance is "*imperishable*," meaning it will be incorruptible for eternity.
 - ▶ 2 Peter 3:10–13
- ▶ This inheritance is "*undefiled*," meaning it can never be marred or tainted by sin and selfishness.
- ▶ This inheritance is "*unfading*," meaning it will always retain its beauty and value.
- ▶ "*kept in heaven for you*" – eternal blessings God provides can't be safer

God's present installment to His children is the power of persevering faith (1:5)

- ▶ The power of Almighty God is the sustaining grace of all true faith.
- ▶ The fact that God's children have faith, empowered by God to guard them, does not mean they are guarded against hardship, difficulty and abuse in this life.
 - ▶ Followers of Jesus are guarded against falling away during demanding times of affliction.
 - ▶ God will provide the power for us to have faith to trust Him through it all.
- ▶ For followers of Jesus who are suffering trials, hardship and persecution, the promise of God's empowering grace to sustain their faith to the end is reassuring.
 - ▶ 1 Corinthians 1:4–9
 - ▶ Philippians 1:6
 - ▶ Hebrews 3:12–14
- ▶ The perseverance we need is powerfully provided by the grace of God.

Questions to Consider

- ▶ How central is the praise of God to your life?
- ▶ Is living hope a characterization of your life as a follower of Jesus?
- ▶ How encouraged are you by your God-given inheritance – the promise of secure and unending eternal blessings?
- ▶ Are you encouraged by the evidence of God's gift to you of persevering faith?

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