

**WE ARE
PRIVILEGED**





1 Peter 1:1-12

1 This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. ² God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

May God give you more and more grace and peace.

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God



1 Peter 1:1-12

raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,⁴ and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.⁵ And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests



1 Peter 1:1-12

and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

⁸ You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious



1 Peter 1:1-12

salvation prepared for you. ¹¹ They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward.

¹² They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.



A LIFE FILLED WITH GREAT EXPECTATION

1 Peter 1:3

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,



A LIFE FILLED WITH GREAT EXPECTATION

1 Peter 1:3

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, *because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.* Now we live with great expectation,



A LIFE FILLED WITH GREAT EXPECTATION

Romans 8:11

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

A LIFE FILLED WITH GREAT EXPECTATION

**In fact, more than
permission--we have
an obligation to be
optimistic.**





A LIFE FILLED WITH GREAT EXPECTATION

1 Peter 1:4-5

...kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change or decay.



A LIFE FILLED WITH GREAT EXPECTATION

1 Corinthians 2:9

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”



PROBLEMS WITH A POINT

1 Peter 1:6

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.



PROBLEMS WITH A POINT

1 Peter 1:7

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

PROBLEMS WITH A POINT

Tests show us where
we're strong and they
show us where we're
weak.





PROBLEMS WITH A POINT

1 Peter 1:7

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

PROBLEMS WITH A POINT

God wants to say,
"Well done!" He wants
to say it to you, and
you have what it takes
to earn his praise.





GOD'S PROTECTION ALL ALONG THE WAY

1 Peter 1:5

And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.



GOD'S PROTECTION ALL ALONG THE WAY

1 Peter 1:5

And through your faith, **God is protecting you by his power** until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

GOD'S PROTECTION ALL ALONG THE WAY

You are not in the
battle by yourself. God
is with you.





GOD'S PROTECTION ALL ALONG THE WAY

We have assurance from the one who has power over death that our problems last only a little while.

We can live with a wonderful expectation that the future--our future on earth and our future in eternity--is in God's hands.

We live with the assurance that our problems have a point--they serve us, they teach, and they help us perfect our faith.

And we live with the assurance that in the midst of our problems, God has promised to protect us; he is with us every step of the way.