

The Perspective of the Born Again

1 Peter 1

1 Peter 1:1–2 (NKJV)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2** elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

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- Pilgrims, elect, sanctified, and blood-sprinkled

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NKJV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Born again of God

- According to His mercy
- To a living hope
- Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- To an incorruptible inheritance
- For salvation

1 Peter 1:6–9 (NKJV)

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9** receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

Having tested and approved faith

- Tested and refined by trials
- Of more value than gold
- Prepares us for finally seeing the object of our faith - Jesus
- Prepares us for receiving the end of our faith – Salvation
- The proper order is necessary suffering, then promised glory

1 Peter 1:10–12 (NKJV)

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, **11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

Possessing the Fulfillment of All God had Spoken

- The OT prophets had inspired but incomplete knowledge
- They received hints of the suffering and glory of the Christ
- Now the full revelation through the Holy Spirit had been preached to them
- They possessed what prophets and angels had extreme curiosity about

1 Peter 1:13–16 (NKJV)

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14** as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; **15** but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Focused on what is most important

- The future revelation of Jesus Christ
- Removing distractions
- Not reverting to previous priorities
- Pursuing God's holiness

1 Peter 1:17–21 (NKJV)

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; **18** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **20** He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you **21** who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Redeemed by Christ and His blood

- Of more value than gold
- The perfect Lamb
- Foreordained and then manifested
- Experienced necessary suffering and then promised glory
- So we can call God our Father and live accordingly
- So we can trust in Him who raised Jesus from the dead

1 Peter 1:22–25 (NKJV)

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, **23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, **24** because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, **25** But the word of the LORD endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Born again of the Word of God

- Incorruptible
- Enduring forever
- So that perishable human life is not the only life in us
- So we can have pure souls and hearts
- So we can have sincere and fervent love for each other

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- Born again of God
- Having tested and approved faith
- Possessing the fulfillment of all God has spoken
- Focused on what is most important
- Redeemed by Christ and His blood
- Born again of the Word of God

John 3:3–5 (NKJV)

Jesus ... said .., “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ... “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

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