

LIVING ON
THE
MARGIN

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, 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 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 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.

¹³ So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. ¹⁴ So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. ¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.

¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

¹⁷ And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as “temporary residents.” ¹⁸ For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value.

¹⁹ It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. ²⁰ God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake. ²¹ Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.

v3-5

- All praise to God, because of His great mercy

- All have sinned (Romans 3)

- Punishment = Hell (Romans 6)

- Gods way of mercy (Romans 3)

In the midst of feeling alone and marginalized, Peter wanted to give them hope

v3-5

*- All praise to God, because of His
great mercy*

- Living with great expectation

v3-5

- All praise to God, because of His great mercy

- Living with great expectation

- a priceless inheritance, kept in heaven, that is “beyond the reach of change or decay”

v6-12

*- Keep your eyes on the prize, as
you experience hardship*

v6-12

*- Keep your eyes on the prize, as
you experience hardship*

*“Here on earth you will have many
trials and sorrows” John 16:33*

v6-12

*- Keep your eyes on the prize, as
you experience hardship*

*“If the world hates you, remember that
it hated me first” John 15:18*

v6-12

*- Keep your eyes on the prize, as
you experience hardship*

*1. Suffering is diminished with
great joy*

v6-12

*- Keep your eyes on the prize, as
you experience hardship*

*1. Suffering is diminished with
great joy*

2. Suffering reveals our true faith

- *We are moving into a period of being marginalized*

We do not live in a Christian society

- *We are moving into a period of being marginalized*

We have a living hope

- *We are moving into a period of being marginalized*

We have a living hope

*Even our trials and hardships can strengthen us
and point to this living hope that we have*

LIVING ON
THE
MARGIN