

## THE GOOD NEWS MATTERS

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**1 Peter 1:3-9, ESV** – <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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# SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of May 3, 2020

1 Peter 1:3-9

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that we are made to be born again in Jesus. What does it mean to be "born again"? How does this new birth change the way we live?
- 2 Furthermore, we read that we are born again to a "living hope" and an "inheritance". How does Peter describe our "living hope" and "inheritance"? How can we be sure of these things?
- 3 What impact has this good news had on your life?

## DIGGING DEEPER

- A** *Colossians 1:12-14, ESV* – <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 4 How does God qualify believers to partake of His inheritance?

5 How would you describe the “kingdom of his beloved Son”?

6 What are the expectations of those who have been transferred into Jesus’ kingdom? In what ways have you followed those expectations? In what ways have you not followed those expectations?

**B** *James 1:2-4, ESV – <sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

*Isaiah 48:10, ESV – <sup>10</sup> Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.*

7 Looking at the passages above, what is the purpose of trials and afflictions?

8 How can focusing on future outcomes help us to react appropriately to current trials and afflictions?

9 Three key words in this passage are joy, perseverance, and maturity. What is the connection between these key aspects of the Christian life?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week, we were reminded that the good news matters. If someone asked you what is the good news, what would you say? Can others see the good news in you and the way you live your life? If not, what needs to change? Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for a faith that testifies to the good news of Jesus.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:17-18  
1 Corinthians 3:13  
1 Corinthians 15:20  
Ephesians 1:3-23