

Endless Inheritance: A Pathway to Joy-filled Praise I Peter 1:3-6

I Peter 1:3-6 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

The Five Great Gifts:

I. A New Life that Changes Everything

Verse 3 – "...In his great mercy he has given us new birth..."

John 3:3 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

II. Confident Certainty in our Future

Verse 3 - ".... he has given us ...a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

H.O.P.E. is:

Having Only Positive Expectations

III. An Inheritance that Never Ends

Verse 3-4 "...he has given us...an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you."

IV. Protection that is Powerful and Permanent

Verse 5 -"...who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

V. Boundaries for all our Burdens

Verse 6 – "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."