

## “His Resurrection is Our reward”

1 Peter 1:3-7 – NIV

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuine-ness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

### **Our Reward:**

1) **Granted** great mercy **v 3a**

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy...

2) **Given** new spiritual birth **v 3b**

...He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

### **Jesus on being born spiritually...**

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied: Truly, truly I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. <sup>4</sup>How can someone be born when they are old? Nicodemus asked. Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born! <sup>5</sup>Jesus answer-ed: Truly, truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit... <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. ~John 3:3-5; 1:12-13

3) **Guaranteed** an inheritance in heaven **v 4**

<sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you,

4) **Guarded** forever by God’s power **v 5**

<sup>5</sup>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.

5) **Grief** with a limited timeline

v 6

<sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief, in all kinds of trials.

6) **Genuine** faith tested and approved

v 7

<sup>7</sup>These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine which may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.