

“His Resurrection is Our reward”

1 Peter 1:3-7 – NIV

³Praise 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, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These 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**

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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...

³Jesus replied: Truly, truly I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. ⁴How 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! ⁵Jesus answer-ed: Truly, truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit... ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ 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**

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

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

⁵who 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

⁶In 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

⁷These 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.