

Ephesians 1:3-14

1 Peter 1:3-5

How did God mercifully use people, circumstances and His word to bring about your new birth in Christ?

How might our enemy, the Devil use people or events to shake our faith (1 Peter 5:8-9)?

What divine promises encourage you to exercise faith, keep on trusting God, in difficult times (1:5, 7, 9, 21 and 5:10)?

Live It!

What word of testimony or encouraging word could you offer a child or young person to assure them that God is at work and in control in these troubling times?

Write it down. Share it in conversation or in a note with someone today.

Praise "speak well of God." When you hear yourself being critical or complaining, stop; take change course and offer a word of hope. Speak a "good word" about the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Share a word of hope!

Studies in First Peter

Praise the Lord

1 Peter 1:3-5

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Introduction

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

You should give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for three reasons.

Praise God! Why? Because...

You are Recipients of a Living Hope

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Praise God! Why? Because...

You are Heirs of an Eternal Inheritance

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

1 Peter 1:4 (NIV)

Praise God! Why? Because...

You are Protected as You await Our Coming Salvation

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.

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NIV)

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Discussion Guide

1 Peter 1:3-5

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

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NIV)

The Greek word translated praise in verse three is based on the verb εὐλογέω [literally, "a good word;" *eu* meaning "good" and *logos* "word"]. Our English word eulogy comes from the Greek, εὐλογέω. A eulogy is a good word spoke at a funeral on behalf of the deceased. In contrast, praise is a good word spoken on behalf of the living God.

Open It

How might you eulogize your father or mother at their funeral? What good word would you want to share with those in attendance?

Consider It

Read and identify the "good words" spoken of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in the following scripture passages. What did Paul and Peter give praise to God for?

2 Corinthians 1:3-11