

Hope for Hard Times

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³ 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, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1. Born again (vv. 3-5)
 - a. Living hope- **he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**

 - b. Eternal hope (inheritance)
 - **Imperishable-** 1 Corinthians 9:25 (ESV)
²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

 - **Undefiled**

 - **Unfading-**
2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)
¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
 - c. God's guarding

2. Trials and difficulties (vv. 6-7)
 - a. The purpose of hard times.

 - b. The results of hard times.

3. The triumph of faith. (v. 8)