

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

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Stand Firm In Hope

1 Peter 1:3-7

Stand Firm Series

Life Change: We stand firm in hope.

200 shares of John Deere

Our inheritance:

3-5

Sparks proper praise to God.

Comes through God's mercy.

Includes a new birth.

Is a living hope.

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– Norman Hillyer, *1 and 2 Peter, Jude*

Our inheritance:

Is pure and permanent.

3-5

Is guarded by God.

Is based on faith.

Trials reveal the worth of our faith.

6-7

Our faith journey brings praise, honor, and glory:

7

To us and the Lord.

As it will one day be fully revealed.

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– Del Shimandle



STAND FIRM

a study of 1 Peter

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

Passed to Present

Inherit

A graphic of stylized roots in shades of green and olive, extending downwards from the letters 'n' and 'h' in the word 'Inherit'. The roots are intricate and branching, symbolizing heritage and lineage.

courtesy in-herit



I WANT
YOUR
MONEY

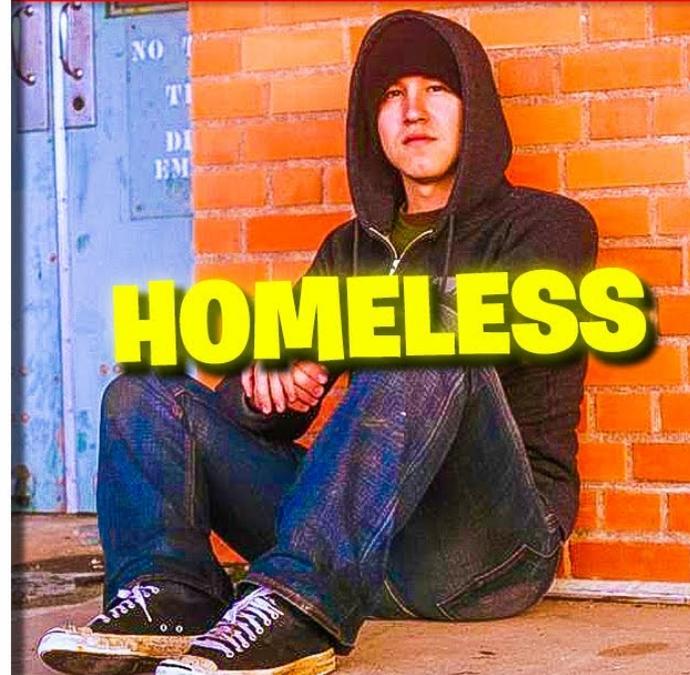


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THEN



NOW



1 Peter 1

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of 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 is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵ You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ^{CSB}

Titus

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1 Peter

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Greek: εὐλογητός eulogetos = eu – a prefix that means good & worthy + logos – the great term for words & ideas

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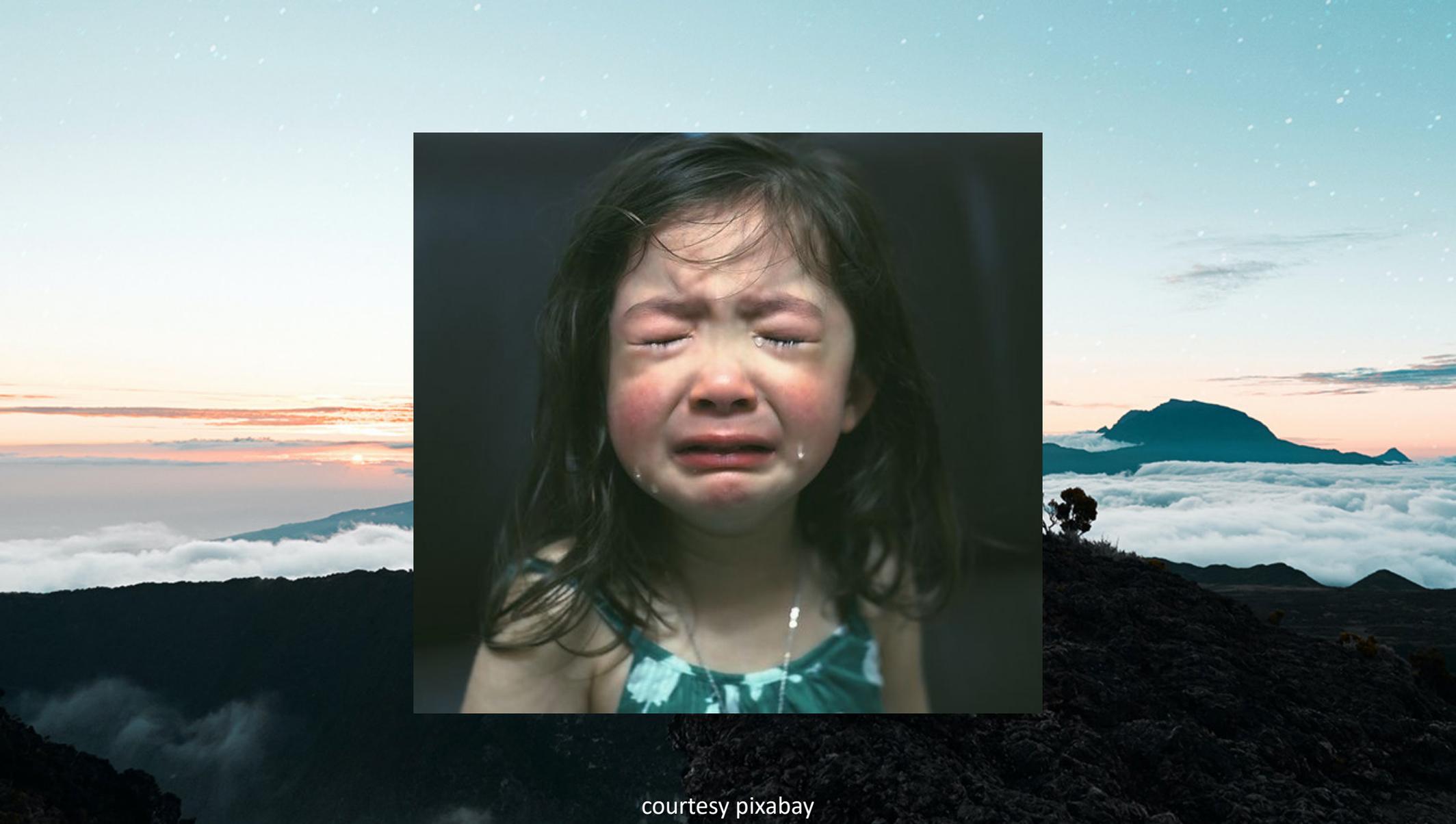
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A man in a grey suit, white shirt, and red tie is wearing a gold crown with red and green jewels. He has a pouting, discontented expression on his face. His hands are clenched into fists at chest level. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

A Problem Called Self-Righteousness

courtesy youtube

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Ephesians 2

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ² in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. ³ We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,

Ephesians 2

⁵ made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! ⁶ He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ^{CSB}

Complete list of those who deserve God's gracious salvation:

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To most world peoples, including the Greco-Romans to whom Peter writes, life is all about decay. The pagan world was all about fading; even when life was pleasant, it never could stay such. To the Mediterranean mind, life was short and painful and followed by endless nothingness, darkness.

**Not to be born at all
Is best, far best that can befall,
Next best, when born, with least delay
To trace the backward way.
For when youth passes with its giddy train,
Troubles on troubles follow, toils on toils,
Pain, pain forever pain;
And none escapes life's coils.
Envy, sedition, strife,
Carnage and war, make up the tale of life.**

– Sophocles, *Oedipus at Colonus* [trans. Rachel Kitzinger]



Desire un-birth

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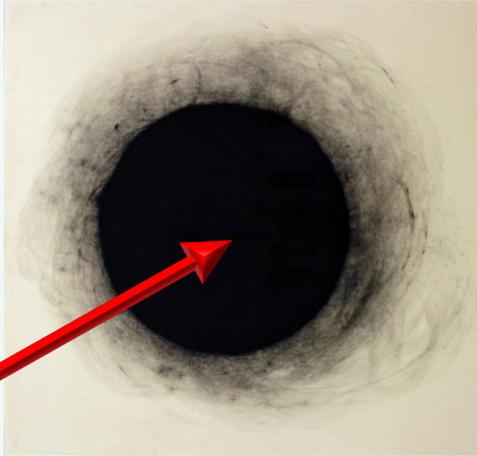
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reborn forever/nothing



ultimate
reincarnation

*Nirvana =
nothing*



Born again once

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Greek: ἐλπίδα elpida = positive reliance on something certain; hoping on, not for, something



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decay possible

ami'anton –
undefiled, no
corruption

amar'aton –
unfading,
cannot
diminish

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courtesy soflete

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That's Peter's contrast in a nutshell. One either shares the good news that we can believe in God's provision...or one teaches people to fear. I hear lots of Christians living in fear these days. We must instead trust in God, our mighty fortress. Then, in our Christian freedom, not fear, help save the world. – WB



courtesy oddstuff

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Ephesians 2

**⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith,
and this is not from yourselves;**

it is God's gift—

**⁹ not from works,
so that no one can boast. ^{CSB}**

Romans 8

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37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ^{CSB}

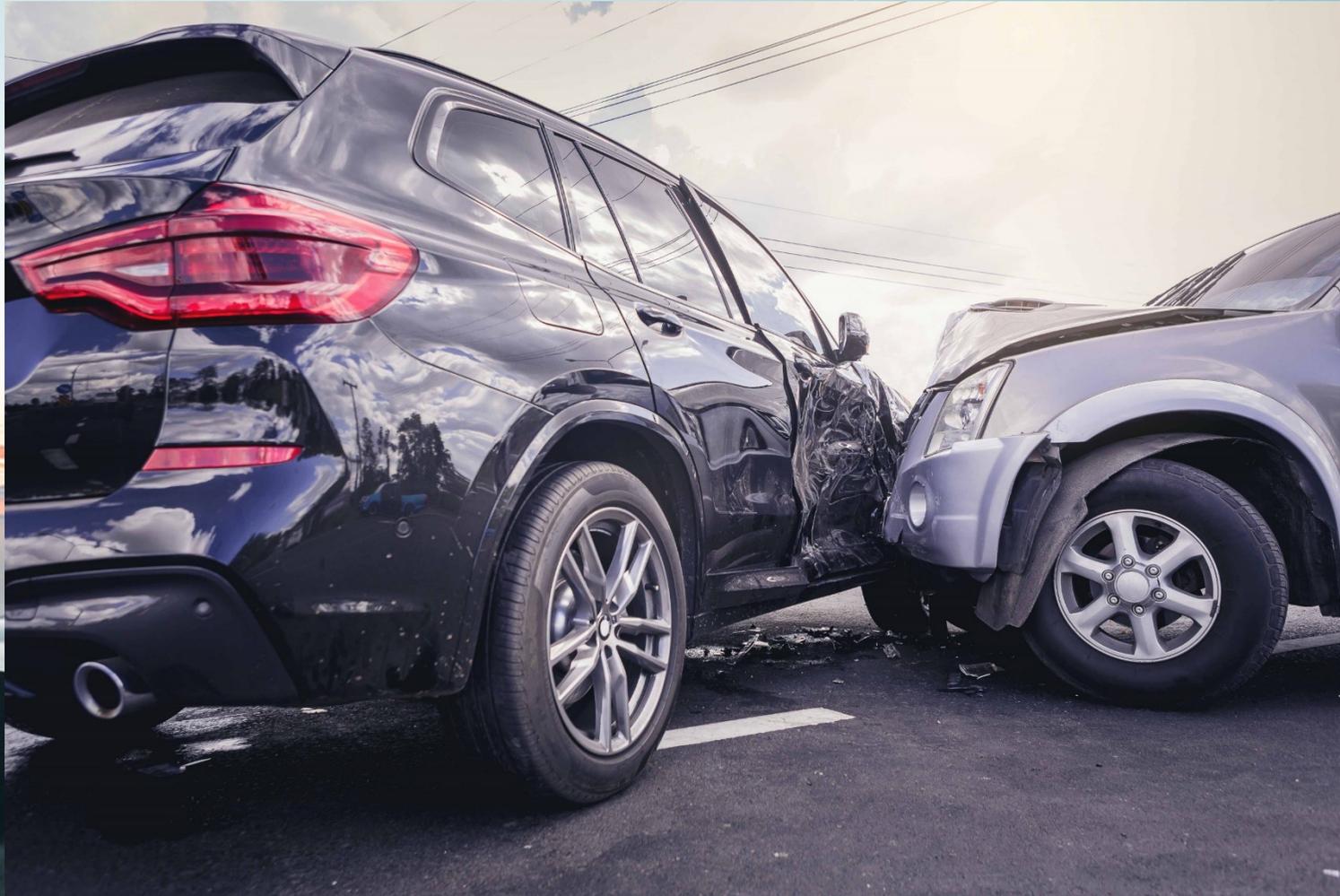
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Greek: πειρασμός peirasmos = in this usage, undeserved pressure from without, not inner temptations



courtesy autolender



courtesy NASCAR

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Greek: δοκίμιον dokimion & δοκιμάζω dokimadzo
both from *dokeo* = completely trustworthy, solid

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⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. ^{NLT}

**But why should we get
to participate in the
pomp & circumstance?
Our salvation is all by
grace!**



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courtesy Pennsylvania Highway Patrol

Why be afraid if I'm not alone?

Life is never easy...

But coming out of the dark

I finally see the light now

And it's shining on me

Coming out of the dark

I know the love that saved me

Sharing with me

**Starting again is part of the plan
I'll be so much stronger
Holding your hand
Step by step
I'll make it through
I know I can
May not make it easier
But I have felt you near all the way**



**Ever I stand on the rock of your love
Ever, ever
Can't nobody stop me
Watch me
– Gloria & Emilio Estefan,
“Coming Out of the Dark”**



courtesy American Music Awards

My name is Del Shimandle and I currently serve on pastoral staff at First Evangelical Free Church of Chicago as the interim senior pastor. I am writing to ask for your prayers.



In Sept 2017 I lost sight in my left eye because of “non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy.” It basically means there was a sort of mini stroke in the blood vessels around my optic nerve, the tissue became swollen, and consequently part of the nerve died. Earlier this week I began to have the same problem with my right eye.

God is good even in suffering. We can be sad and joyful at the same time because He always answers prayers in ways that He knows to be best for us. I trust Him in this. As Peter indicates in 1 Peter 1, the antidote to suffering is not worry, but worship. I choose to praise even in lament. I expect I will be able to see better because of all of this. Lord, open the eyes of my heart and use this experience for Your glory, praise, and honor! Amen.

So, would you pray with us:

- 1) that the Lord might prevent the complete loss of sight;**
- 2) that even if I lose my sight, I can adapt swiftly to continue serving in ministry at First Free Church**
- 3) that our church can embrace the call to praise in spite of suffering and trials.**

Grace & Peace, Del



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