

SOJOURNERS AND STRANGERS

1 PETER 1:3-5 | PRAISE AND WORSHIP

In today's sermon on 1 Peter 1:3-5, Peter calls believers to praise God even in the midst of suffering. He also encouraged scattered and persecuted Christians to lift their eyes beyond their circumstances. The message highlights three foundational truths: God's great mercy, His sovereign work in causing believers to be born again, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because salvation begins with God's mercy and power, Christians can rest in the confidence that their hope is not based on their own works, but on the finished work of Christ.

The sermon then explains the gifts that flow from our new birth: a living hope, an imperishable inheritance kept in heaven, and a salvation that will be fully revealed when Christ returns. These truths remind believers that trials are temporary, but God's promises are secure. Therefore, Christians are called to persevere in faith, encourage one another, and worship God with thankful hearts as sojourners awaiting the day when they will see God face to face.

Let's dig deeper into the message this morning and share what the Lord has highlighted to you from his Word.

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1. What is something the Lord highlighted to you this morning from the message or what questions do you have?
2. Can you explain the difference mentioned in the sermon today between God's mercy and his grace?
3. When you face trials, is your first response usually praise, worry, frustration, or something else? Why?
4. Why is it important that Peter says God "has caused us to be born again" rather than saying we caused ourselves to be born again?
5. How does the truth that our inheritance is "kept in heaven" bring comfort during suffering or uncertainty?
6. What does it mean that our inheritance is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading"?
7. How can we pray for one another?