

What We Have 1 Peter 1:3-12

1 PETER

PEOPLE OF PURPOSE
IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Jesus once famously said to Peter, the author of the epistle we're studying, "You will be called Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." In other words, "I'm not just saving you for your sake, but the world's. All of you are being sent as *elect exiles* (1 Peter 1:1), to storm the enemy gates, rescue the captives, and bring them to be part of my Bride." That's the mission, and it feels like a very tall order. We think, *Me? Us? Impossible. We don't have what it takes.* But maybe we've failed to account for all our assets. Today's text tells us what they are—and as it turns out, we're incredibly well-equipped not just to survive but to thrive in our chaotic world.

1. Think about your financial assets—whether they are great or small, whether they are long-term investments or the cash in your checking account.
 - How often do you think about your assets and monitor them?
 - Do you ever worry about them? In what way?
 - Which do you tend to have, a scarcity mindset or an abundance mindset?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:3-12. Of the blessings and assets listed here, which one is the most valuable or meaningful to you today?
3. Is there anything in this passage that might be like an NFT (non-fungible token), an asset that you're not quite sure what it is or why it has value? Help each other understand the nature and worth of our spiritual assets.
4. Peter says that we greatly rejoice in what we have, even if we suffer various trials.
 - Describe a time when you were suffering, yet rejoicing.
 - How did your suffering refine, strengthen, and deepen your faith?
5. At the conclusion of this section, Peter makes much of the privileged time in which we live. Unlike the Old Testament prophets—and even the angels—we can now see and understand how the mysterious plan of God came to fruition in Christ.
 - What does this mean to you personally? What do you appreciate about this situation?
 - How does this challenge or refine your attitude toward the Bible?
6. Peter opened this passage with praise: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." What are you praising God for today?