

We need to rekindle the desires, direction, and way of life God gives to those He saves.

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Peter praises God for the salvation that He gives to undeserving sinners.

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Trusting in Christ is not a wasted effort, the hope is real and genuine because Jesus is alive.

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We need to be reminded that this world is not our home.

Like the Savior who conquered death, the inheritance that God gives to those who are His is one that will not end, it cannot spoil or lose its luster, and it will never fade.

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The truth of God's sovereignty does not diminish the faith of anyone, instead the truth of God's sovereignty serves as the foundation for the hope of sinners.

Faith is not a single isolated act, it is a continuing trust, dependence, and belief in God and the Gospel.

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Four ways we can respond to the truth:

1. Praise God for His mercy and your salvation
2. Rejoice in the testing of your faith through trials
- persevere
3. Revel in the Gospel of Christ
4. Center your life on Jesus Christ