

**1 PETER 1:3-12**  
**“Angels Long to Look into These Things”**  
***Appreciating Our Salvation***

1:3 We have been reborn into a (1) LIVING HOPE

> Defined: “Hope” – not WISHFUL THINKING but CERTAINTY! (ex: “I can’t wait” = hope)  
“Living Hope” – means *living* in that certainty!

> I.e. “hope” is supposed to affect the way I live, not ‘sitting on pins & needles,’ or full of fear and doubt, but action based on assurance!

1:4 (2) INHERITANCE

> Notice: it is KEPT for you (this means you ALREADY POSSES IT!)  
– think of it as a trust fund – the \$ is already in the account, you just don’t access it until death

> It will never perish, spoil or fade – Don’t worry about losing this retirement account!

> This new birth is what we call SALVATION – or more specifically – JUSTIFICATION! (past tense)

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1:5 You are SHIELDED

How? (1) Through Faith  
(2) By God’s Power

From What? (implicit) – LOSING OUR INHERITANCE

> Jn 10:10 – Why can’t Satan steal my inheritance?

Until? The coming of SALVATION – or more specifically – GLORIFICATION! (future tense)

1:6 The previous verses give us perspective on DEALING WITH DIFFICULTY!

1:7 > What is the reason for the trials we face?

(1) That our faith may be PROVED GENUINE

> Tough circumstances REVEAL artificial or genuine faith!

(2) That our faith may result in PRAISE, GLORY & HONOR

Q: (reverse thinking) Can there be real praise, glory and honor without trials???

Ministry for people facing trials: Your faith is being refined –  
rejoice in the midst of it because the results will be amazing!

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1:8 The PROCESS

While you don't see Him ...

- (1) You LOVE HIM
- (2) You BELIEVE IN HIM
- (3) You're filled with INEXPRESSIBLE & GLORIOUS JOY

“Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory”

What is this!?! Is it ...

- > being so happy that I don't know what to say? (ex: after a big win)
- or
- > having joy when it DOESN'T MAKE SENSE – INEXPLICABLE!

1:9 > You are receiving SALVATION – or more specifically – SANCTIFICATION! (present tense)

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1:10-12 CONCERNING THIS SALVATION ...

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE???

(1) The OT prophets looked forward to it!

They “searched intently” & “with the greatest care”

Q: Who inspired these prophets of old?

A: The ‘Spirit of Christ’ – or, the Holy Spirit (clear Trinitarian teaching)

(2) The angels long to experience it!

Q: What elevates us above the angels (we're both created beings)?

A: They'll NEVER KNOW what it means to be SAVED, REDEEMED!

Thus, we have a unique relationship with the SAVIOR!