

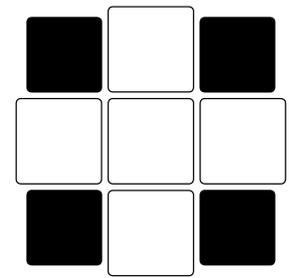
# Gospel Gifts

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Series: Standing in Grace

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Corroborating Texts: 1 Peter 1:22-23; Psalm 23; James 1:2-3



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## Overview

God has blessed his children with a great inheritance that protects and preserves them as they find purpose in their pain today through faith.

## Discussion Questions

1. What are some ways in which we want life to be easy? What are some things that we do to accomplish this? How do these attempts disappoint us?
2. This passage begins with blessing God. What are some of ways that we bless God? What do we bless Him for? Look at verses 3-9 to see examples. Discuss them.
3. What does it mean to be born again? How does God cause rebirth? What was your life like before you were born again? What are sins that you have been redeemed from?
4. What is the “inheritance” referred to in 1 Peter 1:4? How has God alluded to this inheritance in reference to other inheritances in Scripture? [Israel] What is comforting about knowing that the inheritance is “kept in heaven for you”? How does that comfort you today concerning both the indwelling sin you wrestle with and the suffering you’re experiencing?
5. Are we experiencing a dilapidated understanding of hope in our future inheritance because we’ve medicated our present sufferings so well? Is this idolatry? How can we change this?
6. What does God’s promise to protect us mean and not mean? Why is it dangerous to give people an overly positive skewed picture of the realities of life after salvation (i.e. health, wealth, freedom from loss and pain)?
7. How are hardship and suffering a gift to us? [They remind us of gifts we still have: salvation. There is purpose in our pain.] What are instances of suffering that you have walked through where you have now seen the purpose of your pain? What did you learn? In the pain that you’ve experienced, have you seen how Jesus is more savoring than before?
8. Is there anyone in your group willing to share about going through a great amount of suffering now? As a group share scripture with that person and pray for that person after they’ve shared.