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## What God has done

Given us a new birth into -

- **A living hope** - a confident expectation of a better future that cannot be extinguished
- **An inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade kept in heaven** - our salvation (deliverance) is both permanent and secure

God also guards/watches over us as we trust in Him

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## Our response to what God has done

Greatly rejoice even as we suffer through trials

- **Rejoice** - the state of experiencing such great joy that it is expressed outwardly
- **Grief** - mental effects of suffering
- **Trial** - ordeal; difficult circumstance usually caused by external pressure

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How do we greatly rejoice in  
midst of suffering?

**W**e remember -

- **G**od is at work in our trials -  
trials can be a test (same word as  
'trial') to demonstrate quality of  
our faith
  - **H**eat of suffering brings  
impurities of our faith to  
surface
  - **W**hat comes out of you when  
you are squeezed?

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**We** remember -

- **We** are receiving salvation the salvation of our souls
  - Our faithfulness (commitment to and love for **J**esus) is an expression of our faith (trust in **J**esus) and this faith results in receiving salvation (our current deliverance from sin, death, and **S**atan)
- **The** times in which we are living
  - **We** know the **O**ne for whom we are suffering

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## Is your living hope on life support?

- **Ultimate Hope** - God will make all things new; He will establish His Kingdom on the earth as in heaven
- **Temporal hopes** - desires we want to see come to pass; when these hopes are deferred our hearts become sick (**Prov 13.12**)
- **Live in tension of Daniel 3.16-18**
  - Our God is able to deliver us from this fiery furnace (faith in God's ability), but even if He does

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**What is your trial revealing about your faith?**

**Outwardly oriented flesh -**

- **Anger** - strong feeling of annoyance, hostility, or displeasure; possible to feel w/o sinning, but not easy; our anger is usually rooted in what annoys/displeases us not what annoys/displeases **God**
- **Malice** - ill will, wishing and probably plotting evil against people

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- **Self pity** - Sorrow or despondency aroused by one's own suffering
- **Bitterness** - sour spirit and sour speech; figurative term denoting that fretted and irritable state of mind that keeps a person in perpetual animosity

**We** want to greatly rejoice (exult in the saving work of **God**) as we persevere (bear up well under