



This weeks focus: 1 Peter 1:5-8

Note: All scripture references come from the NASB Version of the Bible.

#### Vs 5A Protected By The Power of God

- Part of our inheritance is eternal protection and security John 10:29, Romans 8:31-39
- “Protected”, constantly guarded by God
- Believers are kept not by their own power, but by God’s power

#### Vs 5B Through Faith

- Saving faith is permanent Matthew 24:10-13, Hebrews 3:13-14
- Faith preserves us through trials

#### Vs 6A Greatly Rejoice

- Rejoice literally means exceedingly glad, exuberantly jubilant, James 1:2
- All that God plans and performs here on this earth in preparation for what He has for us in Heaven.
- Peter relates all this rejoicing to the assurance of our eternal inheritance
- And the assurance of our proven faith

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## Vs 6B Trials

1. Trials are not forever “for a little while”
2. Trials meet needs “if necessary”
  - Sometimes they discipline us Psalm 119:67
  - Sometimes they prepare us for growth 1 Corinthians 12:1-9
3. Trials are varied “various”
  - Literally means “verigated, many colored”
  - He uses the same word to describe God’s grace in 1 Peter 4:10
4. Trials are “distressing”
  - Literally “heaviness causing distress or pain”
  - Same word used in Matthew 26:37, 1 Thessalonians 4:13
  - Trials are difficult...that’s why they are called trials
  - However, these trials should not diminish our joy as Christians
  - Trials serve a divine purpose.