

BORN AGAIN

Part One

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God chose to make us His holy family.

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.” (1 Peter 1:1–2, ESV)

1. The doctrine of the Trinity.
2. This world is not our home.
3. Grace and peace describe the character of God.

God saves us because of His great mercy.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:3–5, ESV)

1. All Christians have been born again.
2. Christians have a new set of virtues and priorities.
3. Being born again is a gift from God.

4. Our inheritance is:

- a. *“LORD, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.”* (Psalm 16:5, NLT)
- b. *“Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”* (Titus 3:7, NLT)
- c. *“God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.”* (Matthew 5:5, NLT)
- d. *“And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.”* (Matthew 19:29, NLT)
- e. *“Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”* (Colossians 3:24, NLT)

God gave us His Word to persevere through trials with joy and glory.

“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” (1 Peter 1:6–9, ESV)

We face trials with

1. Confidence
2. Perseverance
3. Courage

God came to us in Christ.

“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.” (1 Peter 1:10–12, ESV)

GROWTHWORK

1. Live as a passionate followers of Christ!
2. Identify with the body of Christ not the world.
3. Expect more because of God’s grace.