

Discussion Notes for 1 Peter 1: (Part 2) :3-7

- Why do you think people find it difficult to talk to people who are enduring times of suffering?
- What is significant about Peter starting off this letter with a word of praise?
- If you were speaking to someone who didn't know what it meant to be "born again" what words would you use to describe it to them?
- Pastor Paul defined biblical hope as "**the confident expectation that whatever God promised he will fulfill.**" How does that differ from the world's definition?
 - How can believers make sure their hope is a biblical one?
- Peter says believers have a living hope. What makes it "living?"
- Our living hope is said to be based on the resurrection of Jesus. Read 1 Corinthians 15:13-17. What is the message the Apostle Paul is trying to convey?
- In **verse 4** Peter writes about our inheritance in Christ. Why would he mention such a thing to people who are suffering for their faith?
- What words does Peter use to describe our inheritance as believers and why are those words important?
- In **verse 5** Peter tells the believers they are being "guarded through faith."
- What does Peter say is ready to be revealed in the "last time?" (**verse 5**)
- What does he mean by salvation being "revealed?" Hasn't it already been revealed? [Answer: In this sense, "salvation" refers to a person's deliverance from God's wrath on the Day of Judgment.]
- Why is Peter's likening of gold being purified an apt description of what it means to allow our suffering to make us more Christlike?
- What does Peter list as the benefits of being purified by suffering in **verse 7**?
- What do you see as the most important take-away from these verses?