

# 1 Peter 1:1-13 (NIV) - {}, bold and underline are additions

## Greeting

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To God's elect,  
strangers in the world,  
scattered throughout  
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,  
2 who have been chosen  
according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,  
through the  
sanctifying work of the Spirit,  
for  
obedience to Jesus Christ and  
sprinkling by his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

## Our Salvation

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy  
**he has given us new birth**  
{1}into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
4 and  
{2}into an inheritance  
that can never  
perish,  
spoil or  
fade--  
kept in heaven for you,  
5 who through faith  
are shielded by God's power  
until the coming of the  
salvation  
that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

## Trials and Our Faith

6 In this you **greatly rejoice**,  
though now for a little while  
you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

7 These have come so that your faith--  
{of greater worth than gold,  
which perishes}  
even though refined by fire--  
may be proved genuine and  
may result in  
praise,  
glory and  
honor  
when Jesus Christ is revealed.

## Salvation Is Hidden

8 Though  
you have not seen him, {new birth [born again] also not seen}  
you love him; and  
even though  
you do not see him now,  
you believe in him and  
are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

9 for  
you **are receiving** the goal of your faith,  
the salvation of your souls.

## Prophecy of Salvation

10 Concerning this salvation,  
the prophets,  
who spoke of the grace that was to come to you,  
searched intently and with the greatest care,

11 trying to find out the  
time and  
circumstances  
to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when  
he predicted the  
sufferings of Christ and  
the glories that would follow.

12 It was revealed to them that  
they were not serving themselves but you,  
when they spoke of the things that have now been  
told you by those who have  
preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent  
from heaven.

Even angels long to look into these things.