

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.