

A Never Fading Inheritance
1 Peter 1:1-12
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Peter's readers

- ⊗ How are you today?
- ⊗ Why does evil seem to still reign when Christ is King of heaven and earth?
- ⊗ Ordinary people

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Shown us mercy (v.3)

- ⊗ **GREAT** mercy
- ⊗ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Psalm 86.15
- ⊗ **NEW** birth (John 3:3)

A Living Hope (v.3)

- ⊗ Physical peak?
- ⊗ Spiritual birth = **bursting with hope!**
- ⊗ Conviction that we have a future that breaks through death

An Unfading Inheritance (v.4)

- ✦ Ours **now** – present tense
- ✦ 3 characteristics
- ✦ **Kept safe for us**

Resurrection (v.3)

- ✦ Future **Hope**
- ✦ Present **Reality**
- ✦ Prophets provide more evidence

Eugene Peterson

A Christian who has David in his bones, Jeremiah in his bloodstream, Paul in his fingertips, and Christ in his heart will know how much and how little value to put on his own momentary feelings and the experience of the past week.

God has already...

- ⊕ Had **mercy** on us
- ⊕ Given us **new birth**
- ⊕ Given us a **living hope** and an **unfading inheritance**
- ⊕ **Raised Jesus Christ** from the dead

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Guarding us (v.5)

- ⊕ Guarded by **God's power** through faith
- ⊕ As we **trust**, he **protects**
- ⊕ Revealed in the future

Allowing trials (v.6-7)

- ⊗ 'God disciplines the ones he loves' Hebrews 12
- ⊗ Suffering & trials will come
- ⊗ God is in **sovereign control**
- ⊗ Suffering & trials **have an end** (Rev. 7:17)

Eric Liddell

Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins.
