

**Series:** Aliens & Sojourners—1 Peter

**Text:** 1 Pet. 1:6–12

**Title:** Look Ahead!

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**Lesson:** 3

*1 Pet. 1:3–5 – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Peter is blessing (praising) God for begetting us again unto:

A living hope

An inheritance

Our salvation is protected by the power of God through faith

i.e., ETERNAL SECURITY

*1 Pet. 1:6–12 – In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>8</sup>and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.*

*<sup>10</sup>As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, <sup>11</sup>seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.*

## **I. Rejoicing During \_\_\_\_\_ (v6)**

- 'In this' –
  
- We will still experience trials.

2 Cor. 4:16–18 – Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory **far beyond all comparison**, <sup>18</sup>while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- 'If necessary' (cf. Rom. 8:28) –

Jas. 1:2 – Consider it all **joy**, my brethren, when you encounter **various trials**,

- Christianity in *this* life is a combination of \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

The joy we have as we look forward to the full blessings of our salvation doesn't eliminate suffering, but it should still \_\_\_\_\_ it and give us hope during it.

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Trials (vv7–8)

- 'So that' –
- Real faith will \_\_\_\_\_ to the end.
- *Dokimion* –
- Trials prove whether our faith is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faith proven through trials ultimately \_\_\_\_\_  
God!
- Real faith \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.

*John 20:29* – Jesus \*said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

- Our joy is ultimately in Christ \_\_\_\_\_, not in the blessings we receive from being with Him.

Our trials are part of how God \_\_\_\_\_ us!

### III. Looking Ahead to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv9–12)

- *Telos* –
- The final version of our salvation is that *will be* saved in the end.
- All the prophecies in the Old Testament were pointing ahead to an ultimate fulfilment in \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matt. 13:16–17 – But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. <sup>17</sup>For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.*

The prophets of old were given for \_\_\_\_\_ blessing!

*Rom. 15:4 – For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

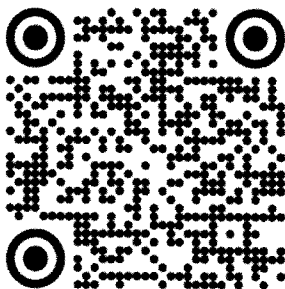
**What do we do with this text?**

1. Everything in life should cause us to \_\_\_\_\_  
to our salvation.

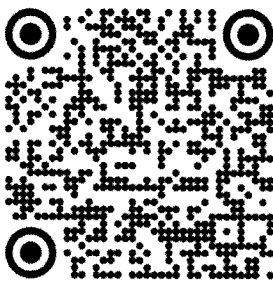
2. Everything about us should be rooted in a \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Jesus Christ.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

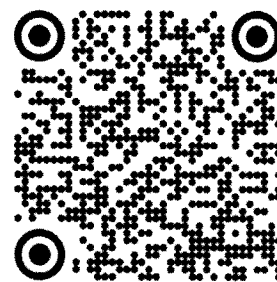
1. Do you find it difficult to rejoice during trials? How can this text help you to do so in the future?
2. What are some reasons God allows Christians to suffer that we didn't cover in this text? Can you always tell which one(s) is/are the reason for a given trial?
3. Spend some time applying the overarching reasons for trials we saw in this text to various trials you have experienced and/or know of for other Christians.
4. How can you tell when you're motivated by love for Christ vs. love for what you get from Christ? How would you describe a healthy balance between the two?
5. How can you encourage yourself (and others) to 'look ahead' more in life?
6. How does knowing the Old Testament finds its fulfilment in Christ help you to read it and be edified more by it?



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**Blanks:** Trials, joy, grief, outweigh, Reason, endure, real, glorifies, loves, Himself, blesses, Salvation, Jesus Christ, our, look ahead, love