

1 Peter 1:4-6

Verses 4-5

This is a continuation of the previous verses as he speaks regarding the chosen who are born again by the mercy of God and saved via a Trinitarian work. He notes that those who are born again are called to a living hope through Jesus Christ and His resurrection. The living hope that those who are born again has is the inheritance in Heaven. In verses 4-5, Peter will provide details on the inheritance that is awaiting the original audience in the first century, but the same inheritance that is awaiting every child of God. Peter links the living hope that the believer has to the living Savior who has been raised through the resurrection. Paul states in [1 Corinthians 15:20-23](#), that Christ was raised from the dead as the first fruits of those who are His people. Just as He was raised from death to life and to glory, we also whom are His, will be raised on the last day into glory and to receive our inheritance.

Peter describes the inheritance in 3 ways: imperishable, undefiled, and not fading away.

- **Imperishable:** ἀφθαρτος *aphthartos*. uncorrupted, not liable to corruption or decay, immortal.
 - [Matthew 6:19-21](#) “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 - The same meaning of this word translated into immortal and have no corruption is found in [1 Timothy 1:17](#) “Now to the King ^[a]eternal, *immortal*, invisible, the only God, *be honor and glory* ^[b]forever and ever. Amen.”
- **Undefiled:** ἀμίαντον *amianton* unstained, unsoiled undefiled, chaste, pure, sincere, undefiled, unimpaired.
 - The same meaning of this word translated into immortal and have no corruption is found in [Hebrews 7:26](#) “For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;”
- **Not fading away:** ἀμόραντον, *amaranton*: unfading, enduring.
 - [Isaiah 40:7-8](#) The grass withers, the flower fades, ^[a]When the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.
 - [1 Peter 1:23-25](#) for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, ²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.”

There are two things that the Bible says will never fade away:

1)The Word of God 2)The inheritance of His elect

Reserved

- God has reserved our inheritance for us in Heaven
- He has also reserved us for our inheritance.
- He has protected us by the power of God through faith.
- He is the author and perfecter of faith (Heb 12:2)

A salvation to be revealed

Our salvation is a process. The initial of our salvation started before the foundation of the world when according to foreknowledge of God the Father He chose us in Him and wrote our names in the Lamb's book of life. Then in an actual temporal time and space on earth He regenerated our souls, gave us faith to believe and we were saved. There is a sense that we are being saved at this very time, but the completion of our salvation is when we enter the eternal state. Our salvation is nearing now that when we first believed (Romans 13:11).

- The Bible calls our salvation/Heaven our inheritance (Heb 1:14) (Ephesians 1:11-18) (Col 1:12) (Heb 9:15)(Titus 3:7)

Heirs of the inheritance through adoption

We receive the inheritance by adoption. God has one true Son, the monogenes (Jesus), but the elect have now been allowed to partake and be heirs/co-heirs in the inheritance of Heaven via adoptions as sons. (Romans 8:14-18)

Rejoice, trials are coming and are necessary

Peter reminds these exiles of the living hope and the inheritance that is theirs because of the mercy of God. He encourages them to rejoice in this fact. He wants them to keep in their minds the good news and the future hope they have because as he is going to tell them, trials are coming and are necessary. This applies to us today as well. We know that trials have come and will come, but we are to rejoice and remember that we are exiles and that we have an inheritance that is being kept for us and we are being kept for our inheritance.