

# 1 PETER

Hope & Suffering

*"The Security of the Sufferings' Inheritance"*

**INTRO:** *Having encouraged his readership with assurance of God's commitment in their chosen status in salvation, Peter launches into the reason for his epistle: Trials were causing Christians to doubt the security of their heavenly inheritance. How should Christians view trials?*

**I. Christians have an \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven (1:3-5).**

*Our inheritance is "death-proof, sin-proof, and time-proof." Our hope of receiving our inheritance is **living** because we serve a living Savior.*

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ may appear to threaten our \_\_\_\_\_**

**(1:6).** *All trials (regardless of intensity or duration) are unworthy to be compared to the eternal glory that awaits (Cf. Rom. 8:18).*

**III. Rejoice; Our \_\_\_\_\_ is secure despite \_\_\_\_\_**

**(1:7-12).** *There are two truths about trials which can assuage our fears about earthly trials:...*

**A.** Trials \_\_\_\_\_ our *faith*. As has been said, "A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted."

**B.** Trials \_\_\_\_\_ our *glory*. This truth was confirmed through Messianic prophecy and demonstrated by our Lord.