Text: 1 Peter 1

\*True Salvation: Eternal
Security... Or is Forfeiture/
Rejection of Christ Possible?

#### \*Faithful Christians will Suffer (Mark It Down!)

\*Our Faith's 'Genuineness' (No Matter the Severity of the Trial) will Result in Our 'Praise, Honor, Glory...' and "Joy Unspeakable" to and for God

\*21st Century Christians Owe Much to Our Old Testament Godly <u>Pioneers</u> (and Those Faithful Believers Who Paved the Way for Us)...So Keep <u>Paying</u> It <u>Forward</u>!

\*Bonus: The Angels Envy Us!

<sup>1 Peter 1:3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for

<sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,

11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

<sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.



#### 1) Does God will the suffermy

Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and fear, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.