

# **A LIVING HOPE**

## **Part 3**

### ***KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD***

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# 1 Peter 1:5-7 NKJV

***5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ...***

# 1 Peter 1:5-7 MSG

***<sup>5</sup> God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole. <sup>6</sup> I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. <sup>7</sup> Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.***

# I. KEPT BY GOD'S POWER

**Phroureō:** to *be a watcher in advance*, i.e. to *mount guard as a sentinel (post spies at gates)*; figurative to *hem in, protect*

## **Luke 4:10-11 (NKJV)**

***<sup>10</sup> For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' <sup>11</sup> "and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "***

## ***REVELATION 12: 11 (NKJV)***

***11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.***

## ***REVELATION 12: 11b (PASSION)***

***...They triumphed because they did not love and cling to their own lives, even when faced with death.***

## **II. GRIEVED BY MANY TRIALS**



# 1 Peter 1: 5-7 PASSION

***Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time. May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials.***

## **1 Peter 1: 5-7 PASSION**

***But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.***

## 1 Peter 1:6 NKJV

***6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:***

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***BECAUSE YOU ARE  
DIFFERENT!***

***You live, act, talk, think,  
sound different...***

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- 4. They exposed and rejected the horrible immorality of pagan culture.**

# **III. THE RESULT?**

# **TO SEE JESUS**

***The refining process burns away impurities and prepares us to see Jesus***

***Trials teach us patience...***

***They test your faith and prove that it's genuine and strong.***



*The refining pot is  
for silver and the  
furnace for gold,  
But the Lord tests  
hearts.*

*~Proverbs 17:3*



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