



Take 5 minutes to Glorify God

God's elect

1 Pet 1:2-7 (God's elect) who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Paul shares with the Corinthians and says now abides faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love (1Cor 13:13). Here, Peter shares the same three: Love demonstrated by Christ's death (sprinkling of his blood), hope through Christ's resurrection and faith that comes from God and grows from faith to faith (Rom 1:17) to the praise, glory and honor of our triune God.

Peter wanted to encourage a church that was experiencing increasing persecution from the Jews, Romans and even other Christians. Peter knew that the saints needed to hold fast to the knowledge that no matter what trials or suffering may come, they could be assured that God loves them, that they could hope in His faithfulness and to remember that God is refining a far more valuable treasure of faith inside of each saint which would be seen by all men to God's praise, glory and honor. Therefore Peter later tells the saints that when all men see you going through the fiery trial and they ask where does your hope come from the church will be able to say that it is Christ sanctified in our hearts that makes us overcomers.

1 Pet 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear

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Men's Ministry Meetings This Week

*Men of Honor
CCRSM Prayer room,
Saturday 8am*

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About Take 5

We believe God's Word transforms lives and technology can be used for His glory.

*Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)
so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*