

## *Born Again on the Wrong Side of the Tracks, Part 4*

(I Peter 1:3-12)

- 1) We are born again into a life of guaranteed hope. (vss. 3-5).
  - a. Our hope is sure because of Jesus' resurrection.
  - b. Our hope is a priceless inheritance reserved for God's children.
  - c. Our hope is not subject to the ravages of time and decay.
  - d. Our hope is protection by God's power for our final salvation.
  - e. Our hope is revealed in the end for all to see.
- 2) We are born again into a life of purposeful trials. (vss. 6-7)
  - a. Trials of our faith are evidence of God at work in us.
  - b. Trials of our faith are God's means of refining us.
  - c. Trials of our faith are a witness to the unregenerate.
  - d. Trials of our faith are our means of glorifying God.
- 3) We are born again into a life of joyful faith. (vss. 8-9)
  - a. Faith in Jesus Christ is based in hope.
  - b. Faith in Jesus Christ is essential to love.
  - c. Faith in Jesus Christ is experienced as joy.
  - d. Faith in Jesus Christ is realized in salvation.
- 4) We are born again into a life of mysterious salvation. (vss. 10-12)
  - a. Salvation through Christ's suffering was once not fully known.
  - b. Salvation through Christ's suffering was revealed through His Spirit.
  - c. Salvation through Christ's suffering was spoken by servant-prophets.
  - d. Salvation through Christ's suffering was an unexpected strategy.
  - e. Salvation through Christ's suffering is not yet fully known, even by angels.