

Why Christians Praise God in the Storm

1 Peter 1:3-5

- I. **We Have Received God's Great M**_____ (v. 3a)
- a. We were created to Worship, to Praise God (cf. Rev. 5:11-14)
 - i. Mercy is not receiving the eternal punishment we deserve
 - ii. Grace is receiving the blessing of salvation that we do Not deserve (cf. Eph. 2:1-5)
- II. **We Have Been B**_____ **Again** (v. 3b)
- a. Salvation is more than volitional or intellectual; it is supernatural (cf. John 3:3)
 - b. At salvation, the Holy Spirit gives us a new heart (cf. Ezek. 36:26-27; Jer. 31:31-34)
- III. **We Have a Living H**_____ (v. 3c)
- a. Worldly hope is based on the shifting sands of this life, but our living hope is based on ***the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*** (cf. 1 Cor. 15:3-8)
- IV. **We Have a Guaranteed I**_____ (v. 4)
- a. ***imperishable = apthartos (ἄφθαρτος)*** – “immortal, imperishable, lasting forever, incorruptible” (cf. Rom. 1:23; 1 Cor. 9:25; 15:52; 1 Tim. 1:17; 1Pe 1:23; 3:4)
 - b. ***undefiled = amiantos (ἀμίαντος)*** – “undefiled, pure, untainted, without ritual (or by implication moral) fault” (cf. Heb. 7:26; 13:4; James 1:27)
 - c. ***will not fade away = amarantos (ἀμόραντος)*** – “unfading, not losing brightness, retaining its wonderful character” (cf. 1 Peter 5:4)
 - d. “In substance incorruptible; in purity undefiled; in beauty unfading” (Alford)

- V. **We Have God's P**_____ (v. 5a)
- a. ***protected = phroureō (φρουρέω)*** = “to guard against, to keep under watch, to watch over” (cf. John 10:27-28)
- VI. **We Have an Eternal S**_____ (v. 5b)
- a. This is the summary of all the other reasons we praise God even though we experience the storms of life! (cf. 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:31-39)
 - b. The worse this world and trials, sufferings, and persecution can do to us, is send us home to be with our Lord!