

Our Faith in God's Righteousness!

My thoughts today come to you from 1 Peter 1:3-9. Read it first and this article will make more sense!

First of all (v3) we are born again into a spiritual and eternal life in Christ Jesus. Originally we were born into a physical life. We were created perfect and in the passing of time we soiled our perfection through our own foolish desires. But God has brought us into a spiritual new life that is not terminal but eternal and spiritual through our faith and obedience to Jesus.

And in this new life we have received through our faith an imperishable inheritance living in Christ (v4). The most beautiful words written were penned by Paul in Romans 8:1 where he said, "*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*"

And (v5) this indestructible inheritance is shielded by Christ's righteousness as we wait for the glorification of our salvation. We are saved, but more than that we are shielded by Jesus' righteousness till the day of our transformation.

Peter continues by reminding us (vs 6-7) that we will suffer as we live by faith waiting for our glory to be revealed. But we are also reminded that the only tie we have to this inheritance is our faith, and these trials are making our tie to God stronger as our faith is being confirmed through living for God and enduring these trials.

Meanwhile our faith, even though we have not seen Jesus in the flesh, makes our salvation secure (vs 8-9). We believe that because Jesus died for us we will live as He lives in heaven in the days coming.

All this is made possible because of the righteousness of God revealed in Christ, and our connection to it is by our faith which is growing day by day.

God bless your faith as we wait for the coming of our glory in Christ.

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