

## Sustained through Suffering (1 Peter 1:3–9)

### I. Born Again (vv. 3–5)

#### A. The Cause: God's Great Mercy (v. 3)

Genesis 2:16–17; Psalm 103:10–12

#### B. The Source: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (v. 3)

1 Corinthians 15:12–19

#### C. The Result: New Birth (v. 3)

#### D. The Result: A Living Hope (vv. 4–5)

1. Living
2. Imperishable
3. undefiled
4. Unfading
5. Kept in Heaven
6. Guarded by God's Power
7. Through Faith
8. To Be Revealed

### II. Comforted in Suffering (vv. 6–7)

#### A. The Reality: Suffering and Grief

C.S. Lewis: "Why do the righteous suffer? Why not? They're the only ones who can take it."

#### B. The Path to Victory: Resurrection in Grief (v. 6)

#### C. The Purpose: Testing and Purifying Faith (v. 7)

James 1:2–4; Romans 5:1–5

#### D. The Outcome: Praise, Glory, and Hope (v. 7)

### III. Believing in the One We Do Not See (vv. 8–9)

Hebrews 11:1

- We are born again by God's mercy.
- We are sustained by a living hope.
- We are refined through suffering.
- We rest in Christ, whom we love and trust though we do not see Him.