

CHRISTIAN, YOU LOVE HIM!

1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's **elect, exiles** scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his **great mercy** he has **caused** us to be born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:4-5 and into an inheritance that can **never perish, spoil or fade**. This inheritance is **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.

1 Peter 1:6-7 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, **if necessary**, you have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—**may result in praise, glory and honor** when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:8 **Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him** and are filled with an **inexpressible and glorious** joy.

1 Peter 1:9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Application questions:

What was most meaningful to you about today's message?

How does the context of history help you apply the book of 1 Peter?

What tastes of *great mercy* have you experienced this week?

Why will you be a Christian tomorrow?

Why does seeing not mean believing?

Which of the above bold words have impact for you?