

A CULTURE OF VICTORY

1 Peter 1:3-7 (NKJV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,



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⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, uncorrupted, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

⁵ who are being protected by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.



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⁶ You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to be distressed by various trials ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



1. Hope Gives Victory

...He has given us a new birth into a living hope

- God's mercy, His salvation is our hope.
- It is a "Living Hope."
- Our "inheritance" is guaranteed.



2. God's Power Gives Victory

⁵ who are being protected by God's power through faith...

- We are secure in Christ.
- Nothing can cause us to lose that which God has provided, promised, and preserved.



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35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

Romans 8



3. Trials Lead to Victory

⁶ You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to be distressed by various trials...

Most translations do damage to this text in two ways. First, it implies that suffering is only a possibility rather than a certainty. Secondly it glosses over Peter's point that suffering is necessary.



3. Trials Lead to Victory

- All will face trials.
- All trials and suffering do not last forever.
- All trials are for our benefit.
- All trials will ultimately bring glory to God.



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Peter teaches, we who are saints are not “victims” but “victors” in our trials and suffering.

Pain, crime, and death are conquered by Christ.

Not in our power but His.

