

The Goal of Our Faith  
I Peter 1:3-12

In one beautifully written Greek sentence, Peter praises **God** for our salvation which is based on Christ's **resurrection** from the dead; **encourages** us in our sufferings which will result in praise, glory, and honor; and reminds us of the **testimony** of prophets and preachers of our salvation.

- I. **Praise** Belongs to God Alone.
  - a. Mercy
    - i. New birth
    - ii. Living Hope
    - iii. Inheritance
  - b. **Faith**
    - i. Shielded
    - ii. Saved
    - iii. Revealed
  
- II. **Trials** Test our Faith and Result in Christ's Glory.
  - a. **Suffering** Grief in Trials
    - i. Faith Proved **Genuine**
    - ii. Result in Praise, Glory, and Honor
  - b. Inexpressible **Joy**
    - i. Receiving the goal of our faith
    - ii. The salvation of our souls
  
- III. **Prophets**, Preachers, and Angels.
  - a. Searching
  - b. Serving
  - c. Preaching
  - d. Longing to Look

Peter continues to **encourage** us in our sufferings and to testify along with the prophets and preachers of the Word concerning the true grace of God in order that we may stand fast in the grace of God.