

"Exiles' Pathway to the City of God" 2nd in the "Elect Exiles" Series 1 Peter 1:3-9

November 19, 2017 Pastor Fana Timoti

Introduction:

In this passage, the Apostle Peter reminds us again of the cause of our relationship with God, what comes with the relationship and our response as recipients of that relationship.

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1. The Christian life is the life of God in a man (v. 3–5)

2. Sufferings in various forms are on the pathway to the City of God (v. 6–7)

3. A genuine faith in Christ remains in God even though circumstances are unbearable and make no sense to a human mind.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 1:3-9 "Exiles' Pathway to the City of God" November 19, 2017 Pastor Fana Timoti

1.	Read the appointed passage aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
2.	Discuss how the Apostle Peter explains how man received the Christian life (v.3). ESV: "he has caused us to be born again" NIV: "he has given us new birth" KJV: "hath begotten us again" NET: "he gave us new birth"
3.	How the physical resurrection of Christ is so vital in the salvation work of God and what would you say to some who believed that Christ's resurrection is spiritual and not physical?
4.	What inheritance is verse four referring to?
5.	If someone come to you to clarify what verse five says: "for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" what would you say?
6.	What trials are we experiencing in our lives here in our homeland?
7.	How would you reconcile what the Apostle says: "so that the tested genuineness of your faith" with various circumstances that you are facing on a day-to-day basis?
8.	Discuss the end result of rejoicing and staying faithful to God's sovereign plan in the midst of suffering (v.7).
9.	What does it look like for you to respond as verse eight says in the midst of good and bad times?
10.	How would you apply this passage to your life right now and how would you use this passage to encourage your brother and sister in Christ who are struggling? (Be careful, pain is real).