



# **Missions is for Losers**

**1 Peter 1:3–19**

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# **1 Peter 1:3–19 (ESV)**

**[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again**

to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

[5] who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

[6] In this you rejoice,  
though now for a little  
while, if necessary, you  
have been grieved by  
various trials,

[7] so that the tested  
genuineness of your faith  
– more precious than gold  
that perishes though it is  
tested by fire –

– may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

[8] Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

[9] obtaining the outcome  
of your faith, the salvation  
of your  
souls.

[13] Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

[14] As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, [15] but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

[16] since it is written,  
“You shall be holy, for I  
am holy.”

[17] And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourself with fear throughout the time of your exile,

[18] knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

[19] but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Peter is encouraging us:

- To praise God for His promised salvation and...
- To live out that salvation in our daily lives.

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- Recall His past Faithfulness
- Remember His Future Promises
- Respond Rightly in Present Circumstances

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## **Colossians 3:2–3 (ESV)**

**[2] Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

## **2 Corinthians 4:8–10 (ESV)**

**[8] We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed;**

[10] always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

## **2 Corinthians 4:16–17 (ESV)**

**[16] ...we do not lose heart.**

**Though our outer self is  
wasting away, our inner self is  
being renewed day by day.**

[17] For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

## **Romans 8:18 (ESV)**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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# Respond Rightly in Present Circumstances:

- Remember WHO we are
- Remember WHOSE we are

## **Galatians 2:20 (ESV)**

I have been crucified with Christ.  
It is no longer I who live, but  
Christ who lives in me. And the  
life I now live in the flesh, I live by  
faith in the Son of God, who loved  
me and gave himself for me.

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- Jesus is King

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# **Philippians 2:10–11 (ESV)**

**[10] ...every knee should bow  
and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord...**

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