

Prepared and Courageous

I. Introduction to Courage

The **ability** to do something that frightens

Strength in the face of pain or grief

Faithfulness to one's belief despite danger or disapproval

Valor- Great courage especially in battle.

Nerve - steadiness of purpose facing difficult situations.

Boldness - willing to take risks and innovate, strong, clear

Grit - strength of character. Don't quit. Never give up.

II. Preparation

A. Basis of Petition

1Pet. 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 according to the **foreknowledge** of God the **Father**, in the **sanctification** of the **Spirit**, for **obedience** to **Jesus Christ** and for sprinkling with his blood:

May **grace** and **peace** be multiplied to you.

Grace – the saving gift of God (all His riches) that authorizes and empowers you to be free.

Peace – fullness, nothing lacking. Absence of absence, No evil, no lack. **Multiplied!!**

B. The Inheritance

1Pet. 1:3 **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,

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Living in Resurrection

4 to an **inheritance** that is **imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven** for you,

A Perfectly **Protected** Inheritance

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

Power guards us through **Faith**

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.

***jumping up and down** kind of **joy**

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**. [Slide 2]

1Pet. 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about **the grace that was to be yours** searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what **person or time** the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the **sufferings** of Christ and the **subsequent glories**. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who **preached the good news** to you by the **Holy Spirit sent from heaven**, things into which angels long to look.

II. Courage to Live

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- 1Pet. 1:13 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 yourselves 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.
- 20 He was foreknown **before the foundation of the world** but was made manifest in the last times **for** the sake of **you** 21 who **through him** are **believers in God**, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

III. Power to Engage

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1Pet. 2:9 But you are a **chosen** race, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, a people **for his own possession**, that you may **proclaim the excellencies** of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are **God's people**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have **received mercy**.