

### *Life isn't Fair*

- In what ways is this life unfair?
- What do you tell others (and yourself)...
  - when others have more “riches” than you?
  - when you have more “riches” than others?
- What is a genuine Christian response?
- Prayer: we want to hear God speak

### **Glorious Joy** **1 Peter 1:1-12**

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#### **Bible**

#### **Old Testament:** 39 “books”

- Creation of the world: “It was good”
- Sin and its terrible effects
- The “Old Covenant”: God’s mercy and invitation to faith and obedience
- The breaking of the “Old Covenant”

#### **New Testament:** 27 “books”

- Jesus Christ as the “New Covenant”
- Formation of the church
- Living with life and ministry challenges



### *The Lord's Supper*

- A celebration of Jesus' death in our place to bring us life
- For us: First Sunday of each month
- Each time, we focus on one part of the Gospel
  1. God is the good creator of all that is
  2. Sin dishonors God, breaks relationships with God, others, and self
  3. Jesus took that sin & consequences on Himself to rescue us
  4. We receive His rescue by faith in Him (submitting self to Him)
  5. In submitting to Christ, we are called to obey Him
  6. One day, He will make all things **good, just, life-giving**

### *Hebrew View of having a Homeland*

- Blessings of having your own land
  - Security, justice, provision from generation to generation
  - Freedom to live according to own values
- Living away from homeland
  - Pilgrim: traveler
  - Sojourner (temporary stay) or Stranger (long stay)
  - Exile: banished from homeland
- Issues when away from homeland
  - Don't have the blessings of home
  - Conflict of values: misunderstood or judged as "strange"
  - Experience rejection: persecution



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*“Scattered” is being in exile alone*

“So they were **scattered** because there was no shepherd, and when they were **scattered** they became food for all the wild animals.”

*Ezekiel 34:5*

Peter writes to Christians who were scattered



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## **Trials**

- Living in “poverty” when the “wealth of heaven” is ours
  - Continued experience of temptation and sin
  - Continued experience of a decaying body & world
  - Continued experience of others’ sin
  - Seeing God “through a mirror dimly” rather than face to face
- Living by different values than society
- Sometimes being rejected by people

### **Living by faith in trials**

- Continuing to live by God’s values and ways, even when they seem not to “work” and don’t match our surroundings

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10-12: We are privileged to understand Christ's work  
in ways that prophets and angels could not

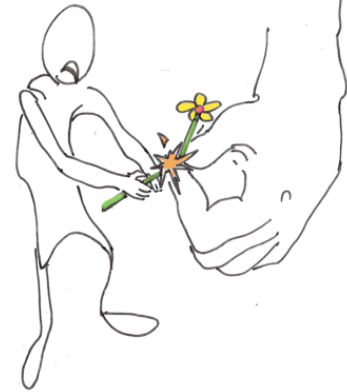
### ***The Big Idea***

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a future of unspeakable glory  
that brings glorious joy in the present  
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**unspeakable = too rich and wonderful for words**

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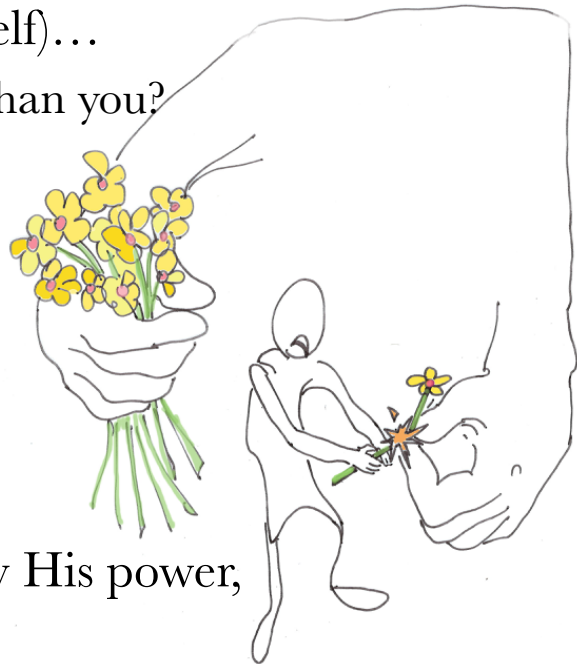


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**“What we see (whether good or bad)  
is nothing compared  
to our glorious inheritance in God!!”**

Joy and peace are ours to know  
our inheritance in God, guarded by His power,  
to be enjoyed with Him forever





### *Application*

- Don't be enslaved by present "riches"  
***whether you have them or not***
  - Sometimes we want the riches of this world more than we want the riches of God's inheritance
  - This world's riches will ALWAYS disappoint and decay
  - God promises far greater riches that will deeply satisfy and will grow in glory forever

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- Don't be defined by present troubles
  - Compared to the unending glory and blessings of God's presence, current troubles are light and momentary

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- Live today in the certainty of tomorrow's glory
  - Rejoice!
  - **"What we see is nothing compared to our unending, guaranteed, abundant, joyous inheritance in God!"**

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