

**Sermon Series:** TULIP 2019

**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Guarded by God's Power: Perseverance of the Saints

**You can persevere through every trial knowing that God guards you all the way to glory.**

**1) God's great mercy and your new life (1:3)**

a) "According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again"

- i) The Ground of Great Mercy
  - (1) Election of the Father (1:1)
  - (2) Atonement by the Son (1:2)
  - (3) Sanctification by the Spirit (1:2)
- ii) Your New Life (1:3)—Regeneration

b) **Application:** Each Person of the Trinity works together for your life.

**2) God's great promise and your eternal hope (1:3-4)**

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

- i) God's Great Promise: Inheritance (1:4)
  - (1) Incorruptible—untouched by the corruption of sin
  - (2) Undefiled—untouched by the filth of sin
  - (3) Unfading—untouched by the vanity of sin
- ii) Your Eternal Hope: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (1:3)

b) **Application:** God's faithfulness to His Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to raise Him from the dead (1:3), is guaranteed to you if you share in that sonship through regeneration.

**3) God's great power and your faith-filled preservation (1:5)**

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

- i) God's Great Power
  - (1) Power—creation, providence, and miracles
  - (2) Protected—locked up in the prison of His love
  - (3) Prepared—waiting to be unveiled
- ii) Your Faith-filled Preservation:

b) **Application:** God is keeping your soul by preserving the faith that keeps you leaning on His everlasting arms.

**4) God's great purpose and your joy-filled perseverance (1:6-9)**

a) "grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith . . . may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ . . . obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls"

- i) God's Great Purpose: Proving Your Faith (1:6-7)
  - (1) Temporary Trials
  - (2) Necessary Trials
  - (3) Grievous Trials
- ii) Your Joy-filled Perseverance: Rejoice with Joy Inexpressible and Filled with Glory (1:6-9)

b) **Application:** By God's design, everything must serve the salvation of your soul if you are in Christ, so rejoice.

**You can persevere through every trial knowing that God guards you all the way to glory.**

**Doxology:** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:10-11)