

## 1 PETER 1:1-9

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of  
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> who have been chosen  
according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying  
work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his  
blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great  
mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can  
never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who  
through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the  
salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> **In all this you  
greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer  
grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven  
genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes  
even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when  
Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him;  
and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are  
**filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy**, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the  
end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.