

***Living for Christ  
in a Hostile World***

***Studies in 1 Peter***

***Faith under Fire***

***1 Peter 1.6-9***

## ***Who do you think you are?***

- **OUR DUAL IDENTITY, v1**  
***God's chosen ones,***  
***strangers in the world***  
***Heaven is our true home***  
***the world is hostile territory***
- **GOD'S THREEFOLD ACTION, v2**  
***God the Father has chosen us***  
***by setting his love on us***  
***God the Spirit sanctifies us***  
***by severing us from the world***  
***for obedience to Christ***  
***God the Son cleanses us***  
***by his death, from our guilt and sin***

***Praise God for what he has done for you  
- in his great mercy and abundant grace!***

- ***new birth v3***  
***through his Spirit within you***
- ***a living hope v3***  
***focused on Jesus***
- ***an eternal inheritance v4***  
***Jesus himself***
- ***lifetime protection v5***  
***as we trust in Jesus***

## ***Our Life on Earth is ...***

### **1. One Big Trial, vs 6-7**

***a continuous assessment course***

- ***trials will be PLENTIFUL v6***  
***and varied***  
***some common to all***  
***others peculiar to Christians***  
***2 Tim 3.12; John 15.18-21; 1 Pet 5.8***
- ***trials will be PAINFUL v6***  
***causing grief Mat 25.37; 1 Thess 4.13***  
***Acts 20.19,31***

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## **1. One Big Trial, vs 6-7**

- ***trials will be PLENTIFUL v6***
- ***trials will be PAINFUL v6***
- ***trials are PURPOSEFUL v7***
  - to prove our faith genuine***
    - faith is infinitely precious***
      - Heb 11.6; Eph 2.8; Rom 5.1***
      - faith needs to be refined Job 23.10***
    - to bring praise and honour to Jesus***
      - Phil 1.20***
- ***trials are SHORT-LIVED v6; 2 Cor 4.17***
  - when viewed in the light of eternity***

## *Our Life on Earth is ...*

### **2. Heading for a Glorious Goal, vs 8-9**

- *God's ultimate salvage operation v9*  
*all of his mercy and grace, vs 2-3*
- *effected through Jesus*  
*hence our love for him v8*  
*and our trust in him v8; 2 Cor 5.7*  
*and our joy in him v8*

*A little faith will take you to heaven;  
a little more faith will bring heaven to your soul*