

Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024

comparison. (2 Corinthians 4:17)

**Title:** Benefits of the Believer on the Hard Road Home

**Series:** The Hard Road Home Passage: 1 Peter 1:3-7 Big Idea: Praise God for the benefits that he gives to those that believe in Jesus even when life is hard. 1. God has caused you to be born again to a \_\_\_\_\_\_. (v3) Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3) How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? (John 3:4) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have **eternal life**. (John 3:16) 2. God has promised you an \_\_\_\_\_\_. (v4-5) I. Imperishable II. Undefiled III. Unfadina IV. Kept Guarded In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28) 3. God provides \_\_\_\_\_\_ in and through your \_\_\_\_\_ . (6-7) Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of **affliction.** (Isaiah 48:10) But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as **gold**. (Job 23:10)

For this light momentary **affliction** is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all

Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it **proved** pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out **proved** genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory. (1 Peter 1:7 MSG)

"Now this is the biblical statement concerning him, this is the biblical view of man as he is by nature. He is 'dead in trespasses and sins', that means, spiritually dead. He is dead to life in God, to the spiritual realm and to all the beneficent influences of that realm upon him" D. Martin Lloyd-Jones – Preacher to Preachers (p.38)

MY PERSONAL APPLICATION: