

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

Our Inheritance

- ✓ Is worth everything (:4)
 - *Incorruptible*
 - *Undeified*
 - *Does not fade away*
 - *Reserved in heaven for you*



Our Inheritance

- ✓ Is worth everything (:4)
- ✓ Is determined by God (:3)
 - You must be born into the family: “*begotten again*” (:3)
 - It is meant “*for you*” (:4)
 - Is delivered by preaching (:12; c.f. Eph. 3:6)



Our Inheritance

- ✓ Is worth everything (:4)
- ✓ Is determined by God (:3)
- ✓ Is gained by faith (:5, :7)
 - A genuine faith: *“more precious than gold”* (:7)
 - A tested faith: *“tested by fire”* (:7)
 - A proven faith: *“found to praise, honor, and glory”* (:7)



Our Inheritance

- ✓ Is worth everything (:4)
- ✓ Is determined by God (:3)
- ✓ Is gained by faith (:5, :7)
- ✓ Is cause for rejoicing (:6, :8)
 - Despite the circumstances: “*various trials*” (:6)
 - The kind you can’t put into words! Salvation! (:8-9)



“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24