





I want to
be real

Is real



Something is true

-and-

Everything that is not that is untrue



“I don’t want this to be true!”

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to 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, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5



*1. God has given us new birth through
Christ into a living hope*



2. Our inheritance is eternally secure:

-Imperishable

-Undefined

-Unfading

-Kept in heaven for us



*“Will I have the ability to endure what
might come?”*

"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

Philippians 1:20



I trust God

I don't trust myself



We have been saved

We are being saved

We will be saved

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7



1. *“For a little while”*
2. *“When necessary”*
3. *“In various trials”*



Don't rank your grief

*1. God has given us new birth through
Christ into a living hope*

2. Our inheritance is eternally secure

*3. It does not depend on our ability to
endure*

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, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8-9



*Though you have not seen him,
you love him.*



Maturing is Enduring



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



*How do you love someone you have
not seen?*

*The same way you love someone you
have seen.*



To know him is to love him:

- 1. His word*
- 2. His people*
- 3. His way*



"Whoever believes in me as Scripture says, out of them will flow rivers of living water."

John 7:38

*Pursue God as he has revealed himself to us in
Scripture.*

Praise God for what he has done for in Christ.

*Rejoice in God even though we may have to
grieve all kinds of trials.*