

GOD'S PERFECT FREEDOM

PERFECTLY RECEIVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Eph 2:8-9 NIV

⁸⁻ For it is BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH — and this NOT from YOURSELVES, it is the GIFT OF GOD— ⁹⁻ NOT by works, so that NO ONE CAN BOAST.

THIS IS WHAT FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH FAITH - MEANS

#1 PERFECT LIVING HOPE

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1 Peter 1:3-9

^{V3} 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,

#2 PERFECT INHERITANCE

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^{V4} and INTO AN INHERITANCE that CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL or FADE — KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,

#3 PERFECT PROTECTION

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^{V5-7} 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. ⁶⁻ IN THIS you GREATLY REJOICE, THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE you may have had to SUFFER GRIEF in ALL KINDS OF TRIALS. ⁷⁻ These have come so that YOUR FAITH — OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD, which perishes even though refined by fire — MAY BE PROVED GENUINE and may result in PRAISE, GLORY and HONOR when JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED.

#4 PERFECT SALVATION

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^{V8-9} 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 INEX-PRESSIBLE and GLORIOUS JOY, ⁹⁻ for YOU ARE RECEIVING the GOAL OF YOUR FAITH, the SALVATION of YOUR SOULS.