

R's of Christianity

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Introduction

1. 1 Peter 1:3-6
2. Life on earth in brief and temporary
 - a. It is a vapor James 4:13-14
 - b. Death is a fact Hebrews 9:27
3. There is more to life than our existence upon this earth
 - a. There is eternity Matthew 25:46
 - b. Man will have one of two destinies, heaven or hell
4. These Christians were suffering for different reasons, physical persecutions and mental
5. The writing of the book was to help them during this trial of their faith 1:7; 5:12
6. Let us look carefully at the "r's" that are presented here to help them and us.

II Discussion

1. The resurrection verse 3
 - a. The resurrection is the most important thing in Christianity 1 Corinthians 15:12-17; Romans 1:4
 - b. Jesus taught the resurrection John 11:25
 - c. The Apostles taught it 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 2:31
 - d. They were begotten and birthed 1:22-23; John 3:3-5
 - e. Living hope, not a dead hope, Romans 8:24
 - f. This hope is given unto us by the resurrection of Christ
2. Reserved in heaven verse 4
 - a. It is an inheritance that is reserved for us
 - b. The Jews had a physical promise of inheritance Deuteronomy 4:21
 - c. This was a physical inheritance and would fade away
 - d. God was also their inheritance Psalm 15:5
 - e. We have been promised a more glorious inheritance, for it is incorruptible, undefiled, and fades not away John 14:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:8
 - i. Incorruptible things of earth are subject to decay, God's things are incorruptible 1:23; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
 - ii. Undefiled, without defect or flaw, High Priest Hebrews 7:26; Revelation 21:27 nothing defiled will enter heaven
 - iii. Fades not away – it is not like the rose It is new every morning Revelation 21:1-2
3. Ready verse 5
 - a. To welcome the appearance of Jesus to claim the inheritance
 - b. Ready to preach Romans 1:15
 - c. Ready to give 2 Corinthians 8:11-12
4. Revealed in this last times
 - a. This is something presented to the senses, sight or hearing Romans 1:17; Acts 23:22

- b. They were to be ready for the second coming of Jesus 1:7; 4:7
 - c. All will be revealed Ecclesiastes 12:14; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11
5. Rejoice verse 6
- a. Admits trials 1:7; Acts 16
 - b. We are to rejoice Matthew 5:12
 - c. We are to rejoice because of the resurrection, our reservation, and it will be revealed in the last time for us
 - d. These are reasons to rejoice

III Conclusion

1. Are you in a position of rejoice?
2. Have you be begotten again, and have a lively hope
3. You can have all those things today, by become a Christian
4. Have you lost this hope, come back to Christ today

Sources: sermon preached 1983 (Hazel); The Truth for Today commentary on 1 & 2 Peter; God's definition of a Christian sermon outlines from 1 Peter by Tom Holland