

THE SCATTERED ONES AND LIFE AS IT REALLY IS

I Peter 1:5-9

Introduction:

- A. We know who these people are.
 - 1. "strangers."
 - 2. "scattered."

- B. They knew life as it really is, they were God's best.
 - 1. "begotten again."
 - 2. "unto a living hope."
 - 3. "to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, fadeth not away."
 - 4. "reserved in heaven for you."
 - 5. "who are kept." vs. 5

I . THEY GREATLY REJOICED . VS 6

- A. Over the above facts.

- B. "though now for a season."
 - 1. "ye are in heaviness."
 - 2. heaviness = to be sad to greive, to mourn.
 - 3. "through manifold temptations."
 - 4. manifold = variegated, parti-coloured, hence changeful, various, troubles of many colors.

II . A REASON FOR TRIALS

- A. "the trial of your faith."
 - 1. This is a fact.
 - 2. We would not choose it.
 - 3. What is a trial?
 - a. Sickness.
 - b. Job.
 - c. finances.
 - d. misunderstanding.

4. Temptation or trials?
 - a. James 1:12-15.

- B. Our "tried" faith is precious to God.
 1. "tried faith is precious faith."
 2. Gold and silver perish.
 - a. Three things:
Praise.
Honor.
Glory.
 3. "tried faith is cashed in later."
 4. "at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

I I I . THE RESULTS OF FAITH.

- A. "whom having not seen, ye love."
 1. I have not seen Jesus Christ.
 2. They had not seen Him! Peter had.
 3. John 20:29- .

- B. "yet believing, ye rejoice."
 1. "joy unspeakable" cannot be divulged.
 2. "and full of glory."

- C. vs. 9 "the salvation of your souls."
 1. What was the focal point of their interest and thanksgiving?