



CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

ALL OF US, NO MATTER OUR
CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE
SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON =
JESUS HAS COME!

THE THRILL OF
LIVING HOPE

CELEBRATION

1 PETER 1:1-2

PETER HAS BEEN GIVEN A
SPECIFIC MESSAGE FROM
GOD TO BELIEVERS, WHO
HAVE BEEN SCATTERED
THROUGHOUT **ASIA**

THESE BELIEVERS ARE
ALIENS, **FOREIGNERS**,
TEMPORARILY LIVING NEXT
TO AND AMONG NATIVE
PEOPLE (THIS IS NOT THEIR
HOME - THEY ARE OUTSIDERS)

**“OBEY” = (LITERALLY MEANS
“HEAR UNDER”)**

**COMPLIANCE IS EXPECTED;
BELIEVERS ARE TO LISTEN
FROM AN UNDER AUTHORITY
POSITION**

1 PETER 1:3-5

GOD IS THE ONE WHO
“CAUSED US” TO BE **BORN**
AGAIN (APART FROM GOD,
SINFUL HUMANS ARE
HELPLESS AND HOPELESS)

THROUGH **JESUS** WE'VE
GAINED UNFETTERED
ACCESS TO **GOD**

1 PETER 1:6

**“IN THIS” = IT IS OUR BEING
BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING
HOPE THAT PROTECTS OUR
ETERNAL INHERITANCES AND
SHOULD BRING GREAT JOY**

“GREATLY REJOICE” =
(LITERALLY MEANS
“TO JUMP MUCH”) TO SKIP
WITH HAPPY EXCITEMENT;
TO BE **EXCEEDINGLY JOYFUL**;
EXUBERANTLY HAPPY

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,
THIS JOY IS UNHINDERED
AND UNPHASED

THE DISTRESS WE FACE IS
ONLY “FOR A LITTLE WHILE.”
THAT MEANS ALL SUFFERING
HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE

**“IF NECESSARY” ... ONLY TRIALS,
WHICH ARE ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY, ARE ALLOWED
IN OUR LIVES BY GOD**

**WE MUST LOOK TO THE CROSS
AND JESUS' RESURRECTION
AND BE REMINDED THAT GOD IS
ALWAYS GOOD AND LOVING**

1 PETER 1:6-7



1 PETER 1:6-9

AS WE ENCOUNTER TRIALS,
UNDERSTAND THEY CAN
HELP US TO LEARN NEW
AND WONDERFUL ASPECTS
ABOUT OUR **SAVIOR**