

Rescuing the Perishing

TEXT: Galatians 1:3-5 (page 1151 in the Pew Bible)

In rescuing the perishing, we must...

1. never forget where we have _____ .

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- Deuteronomy 5:15a, 15:15, 24:18

2. overcome _____, _____, _____, and _____.

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- Revelation 12:11 / Hebrews 12:1 / James 1:4

3. ask God to give us His _____ and His _____.

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- II Peter 3:9 / I Timothy 2:3-4 / John 3:16

4. not be deceived by our present existence into thinking that _____.

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- Luke 12:15 / I John 2:16-17 / Matthew 13:47-50

II Pt. 2:20-21 If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred commandment that was passed on to them.

I Pt. 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

II Co. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

I Jn. 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

Jn. 1:12 Yet to all who received him [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

I Pt. 1:3b-4a In his great mercy he [God] has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade...

Jn. 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

There is an **experience** that is available to all people, an incredibly radical **experience**, which is described by Scripture as people becoming a new creation, with old things being passed away, all things becoming new, being born a second time, becoming children of the Almighty God, escaping the corruption of the world, passing from death to life, into an existence that is indestructible and never-ending, and receiving an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. Even though this experience is open to all, it can only be entered into by believing. People do not partake of this experience so that they can know it's true, they must be convinced that it's true in order to partake of the experience.