

“Called Up To The Big Leagues!”

1 Peter 1:3-8

Sermon Series: Home Run Living, Pt. 1

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Home Run Living Theme Verse:

1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Being Called Up To The Big Leagues...

1) Offers Great Benefits

1 Peter 1:3, 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, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ 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.

- **Begins With A NEW BIRTH** (vs. 3)
(Ephesians 2:1)
- **Gives Us A LIVING HOPE** (vs. 3)
(Hebrews 6:19)
- **Results In A GUARANTEED CONTRACT** (vs. 4)
(Matthew 6:19-21)
- **Protected By GOD’S POWER** (vs. 5)
(1 Corinthians 2:9)

2) Doesn’t Shield Us From Difficulties

1 Peter 1:6, In all 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 the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ 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 inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A Few Thoughts On Our Difficulties:

- **They Will Surely Come In VARIOUS FORMS** (vs. 6)
(James 1:2)
- **They Have LIMITED DURATIONS** (vs. 6)
(1 Peter 5:10)
- **They Have REFINING QUALITIES** (vs. 7)
(James 1:2)
- **They Should RESULT IN PRAISE & JOY** (vs. 7)
(1 Peter 5:10)

Next Steps:

1) Get plugged into a Life Group@Church or Life Group@Home.

2) Follow our daily reading plan on Twitter or the blog: @JohnMarkCaton or johnmarkcaton.com

3) Make a commitment to be in every service and a Life Group for the next four weeks during Home Run Living.