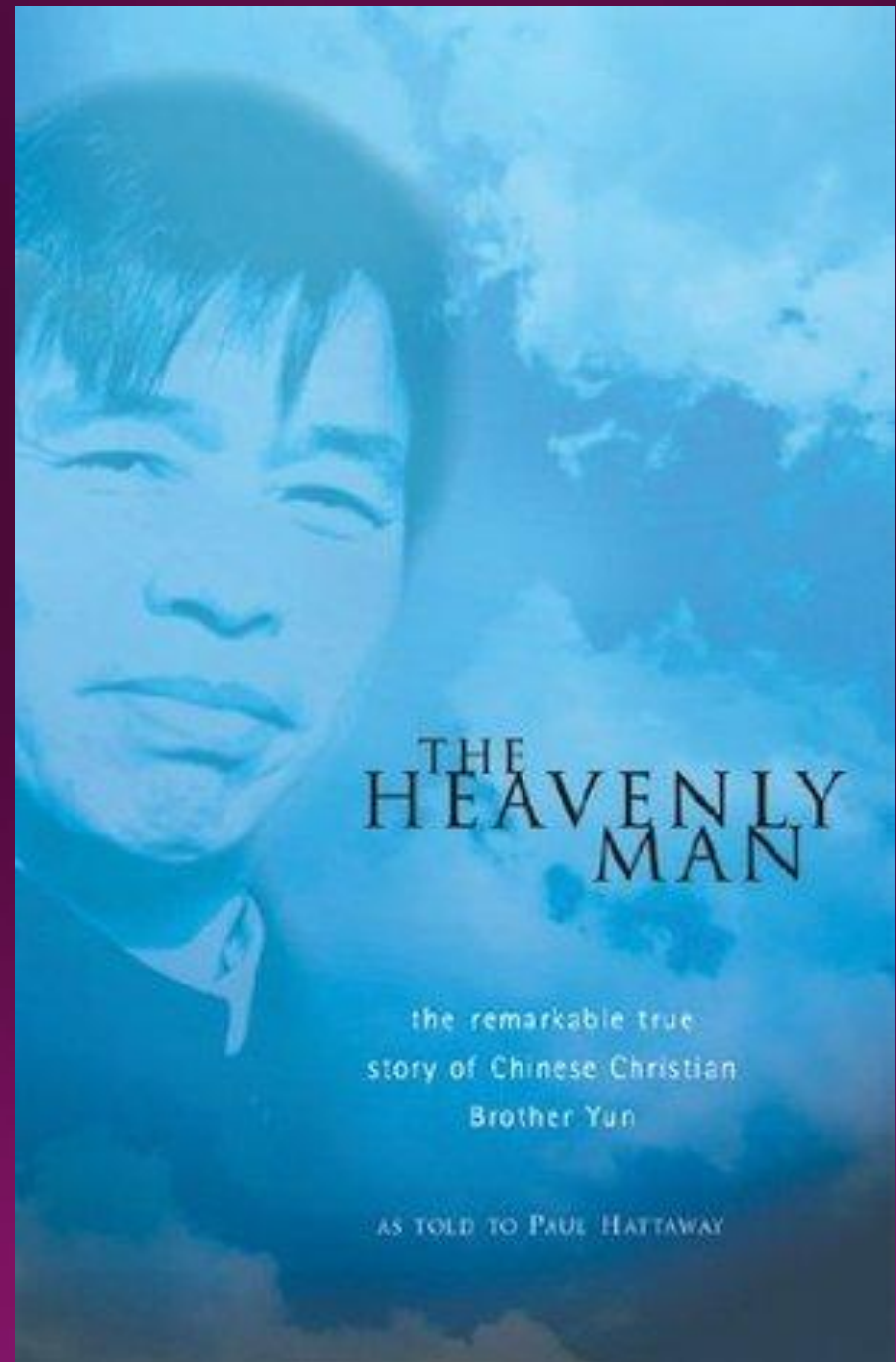




1 Peter 1:1-13

Born Again into The Living Hope

- Brother Yun
 - **rejected by society and government**
 - **wanted man**
 - **repeatedly arrested**
 - **imprisoned & tortured**
 - **forced into hiding**



1 Peter 1

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To **God's elect, exiles scattered** throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through the sanctifying work of the Spirit**, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and **sprinkled with his blood**:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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.

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**.

10 Concerning **this salvation**, the **prophets**, who spoke of **the grace** that was to come to you, **searched intently** and **with the greatest care**, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted **the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow**.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of **the things that have now been told you** by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. **Even angels long to look into these things**.

13 Therefore, **with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace** to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.



**BORN
AGAIN**

into A living Hope

Inheritance Imperishable, Joy Inexpressible, Grace Incredible

Inheritance Imperishable (v1-5)

- “exiles scattered ...” – v1
- chosen gentile believers, “through the sanctifying **work of the Spirit..**” - v2
 - 1st generation converts
 - ostracized by their culture
 - “heap abuse..” - 1Pet 4:4
- but they have a new identity !
- “**born again** into a **living hope**”
- grounded in the **Resurrection** – v3

**A Living Hope that rooted in
Living Christ**



Inheritance Imperishable (v1-5)

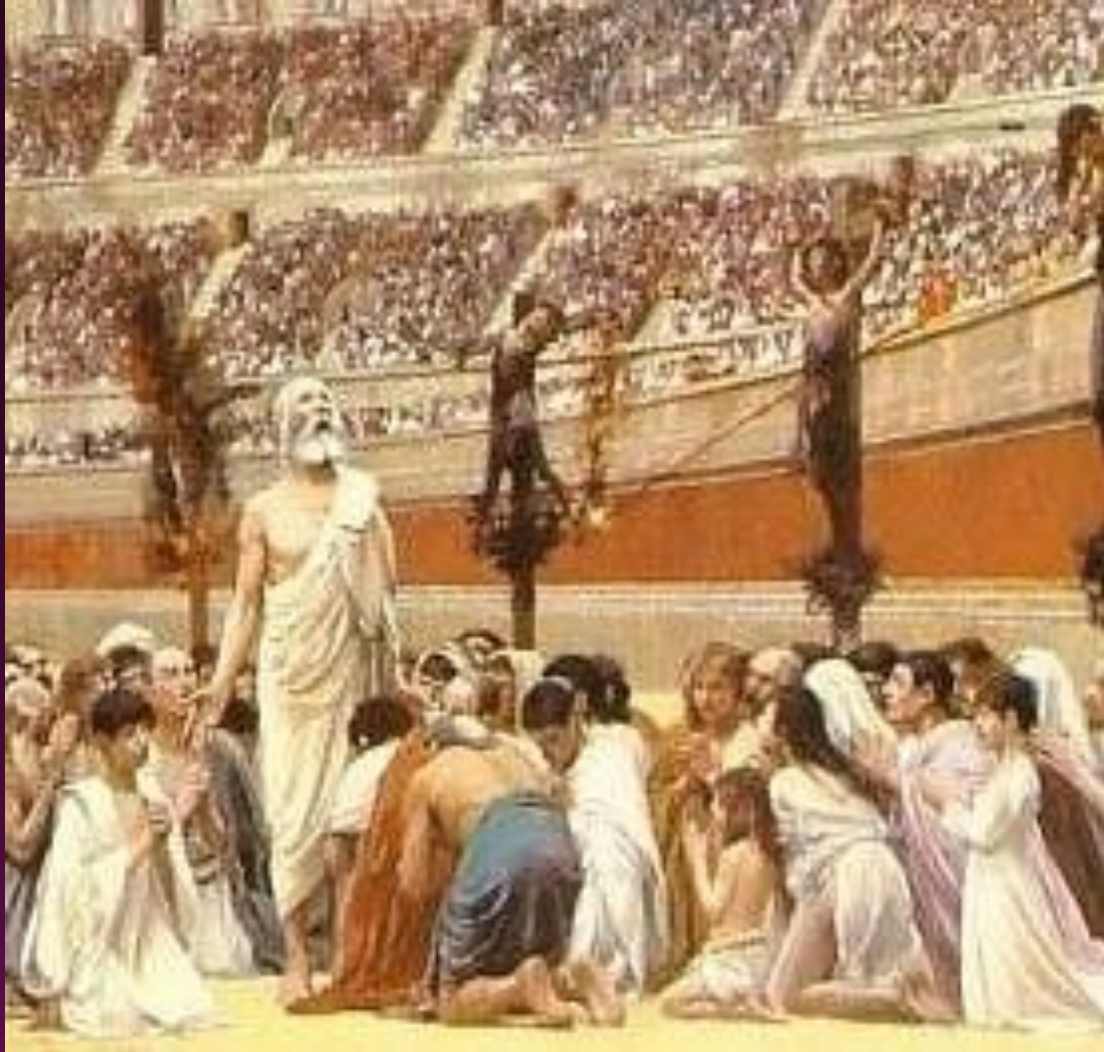
- “into an inheritance can never perish, spoil or fade.” – v4
 - **Imperishable, incorruptible or inexhaustible!**
- “kept in heaven for you.” - kept by GOD
- Not only the future is secure,
- “ You, who through faith are shielded by God’s power..” –v5

God is holding you



**An Inheritance
That Cannot Be
Taken Away**

Joy Inexpressible (v6-9)



- “In all this you **greatly** rejoice ..” - v6
- “though for a little while you may have had to suffer..”
 - ESV : “ if necessary,”
- “suffer grief in all kinds of trials.”
- Trials that not only from external, but from the inner being
 - self-control - 1:13
 - be holy - 1:16
 - abstain from sinful desires - 2:11
 - freedom as a cover-up for evil - 2:16
 - submission - 2:13, 18, 3:1, 5:5
 - proper speech - 3:10
 - not wild living - 4:3

Joy Inexpressible (v6-9)

- Trials and Suffering are good
- Not because suffering is easy—but because it is purposeful.
- “So that the tested genuineness of your faith... more precious than gold...” – v7
- result in **praise, glory and honor** when Jesus Christ is revealed.

“For our light & momentary troubles **are achieving for us an **Eternal Glory** that far outweighs them all .”**

– 2 Cor 4:17

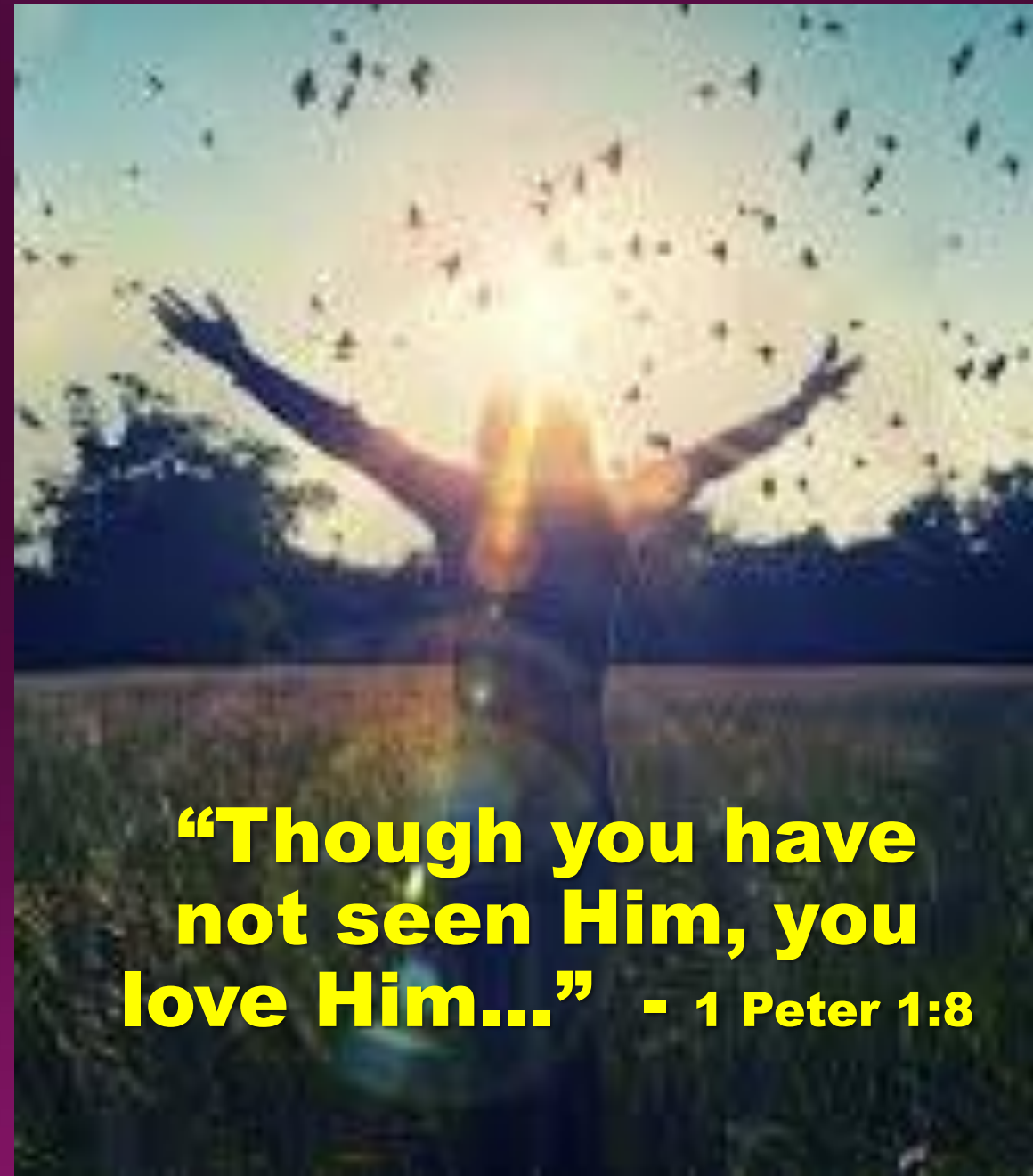


Joy Inexpressible (v6-9)

- “.. you are receiving.. salvation of your souls.” – v9
- “an inexpressible and glorious joy.”
 - joy that cannot be explained or taken away !

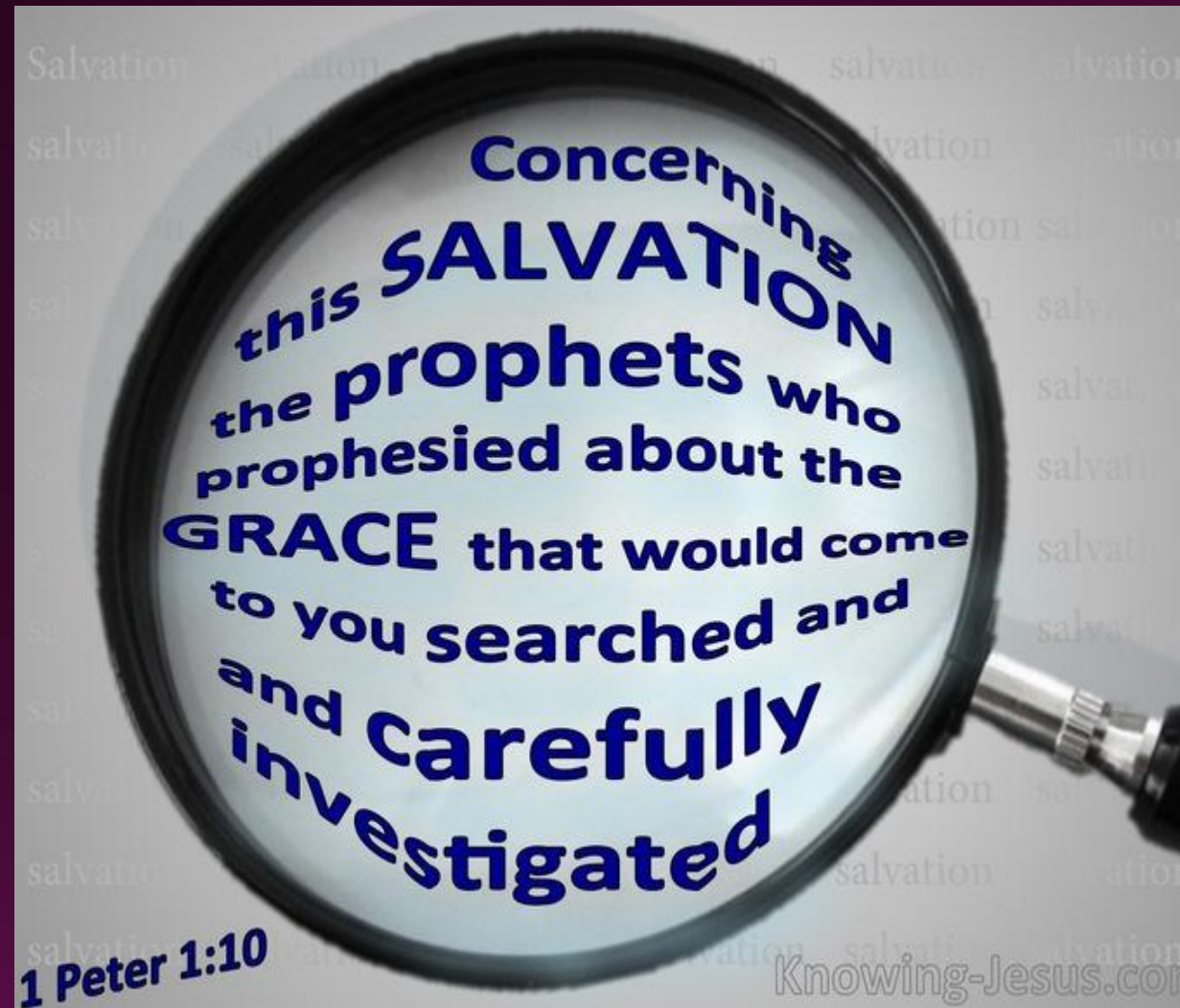
LOVE & BELIEVE
without seeing

- Jesus predicted, “ blessed are those have not seen..” – John 20:29



“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him...” - 1 Peter 1:8

Grace Incredible (10-13)

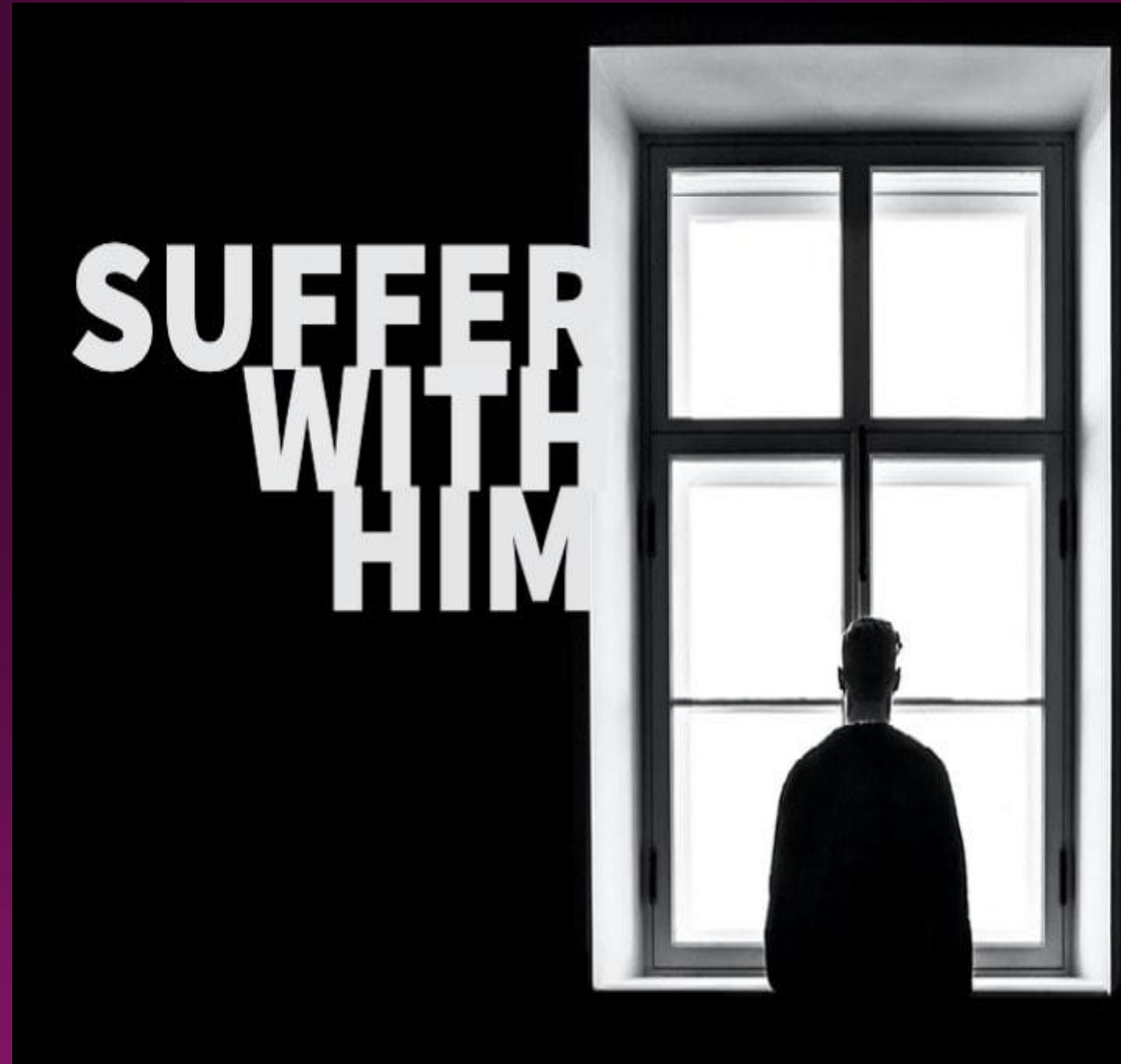


- “.. the prophets, searched intently and with the greatest care, ..”
- They knew:
 - “the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.” - v11
 - Ps 22, Zech 9, Isaiah 53, Hosea
- “It was revealed .. they were ..serving ..you.”
- Even angels marvel or longed to know – v12
- How precious it is, and it is now revealed and fulfilled in the gentile believers.

Grace Incredible (10-13)

- “Therefore, set your hope **fully on the Grace**...”
- Not partially. Not divided. But Fully.
- Because:
 - Christ suffered → then was glorified
 - We follow the same path

Glory Through Suffering



The Living Hope

BORN AGAIN

- **Secured by a Risen Christ**
- **Guaranteed by a Future Inheritance**
- **Received Joy even in Present Trials**
- **Fulfilled by Astonishing Grace**

Persecution ?



Born Again into the Living Hope

- When the society pressure you – remember your identity
- When you are in financial trouble – remember your inheritance
- When facing trials – see God is refining your faith
- When hope feels weak – fix it fully on His Grace
- Ask What is precious