

Weekly Word

Scripture reading for this week

Marion Victory

Acts 2:14a, 22-33

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-34

In the reading in Acts Peter tells us Jesus was delivered to us by God, was taken by lawless hands and crucified. By doing this He loosened for us the pains of death because death couldn't hold him

Peter continues by quoting Psalm 16, sharing the truth of Messiah from one of David's. *Michtams* (Golden Psalm)

1 Peter 1:3 begins with; Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us **again** to a living hope. That word again makes me think that we were in a relationship with God at one time. The death and resurrection of Christ has brought us back to the garden relationship. The original plan!

We have an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled that doesn't fade away reserved, (kept and held), in heaven for us (me and you). Kept by the power of God through faith for salvation **ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Peter goes on to tell us; Rejoice even though for a while we are grieved by various trials of all kinds. The genuineness (reality) of your faith being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour; and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you haven't seen Him you love Him.

In the gospel reading for this week; Jesus, makes sure that Thomas has the opportunity to see Him and to touch Him if he so chooses. He's not chastising Thomas or making a show of him. He is encouraging us who would not have this same opportunity **until the last times or days.**

Father,

Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be the fulfillment of the law required and the propitiation for our sins. Saving and restoring us back to the garden relationship, we wait for the day when we see the evidence face to face. The evidence of things hoped for loving You now, without seeing but, knowing our faith shall become sight!