

Doug Padgett 3/22/20 welcome

Good morning!

The elders of the Beaumont Church of Christ want to welcome you to our very first video conferencing for our community and our members. Larry, and Hershel, and I certainly wish that we could be with you in person. But we know that we, as a congregation, are finding inventive ways to talk with each other, encourage each other, be on the phone, be on our texts, and praying for one another.

I would like to read just a quick scripture from 1 Peter 1 before we have a few songs that we are going to be able to broadcast for you, and hear from Peter Mostert, our preacher of the day.

So I'm reading from 1 Peter chapter 1, starting with verse 6:

"...now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor,

and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen, you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your souls*.” (NKJV)

I want us to take just a moment to talk about what we receive from our faith.

And I'd like us to take another look at the word “faith” and maybe use the word “trust”.

We are trusting God in these times. It is He that we have faith in.

So, let us look at the result of that faith--

It is the salvation of our souls. And let's keep that in mind, every day, as we look to help one another and pray for one another, and seek God's mercy upon us at this time.

Let's rise up as a community, rise up as a nation, rise up as the Kingdom of God, to serve, and to proclaim our faith to the nations.