I Peter 1:3-5

- Peter says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
  - Blessed in the Beatitudes is "makarios" and means fortunate or happy.
- This word for blessed in the text is the Greek word "eulogetos" which means "adorable" and comes from the root word "eulogeo" which means to praise, bless, thank or to speak well of as in a benediction. Our word for eulogy.

- This praise and gratitude is deserved because of what Peter calls the "GREAT" mercy of God.
- We have been born again to a living hope instead of a hopeless resignation. We have been given an opportunity at a second chance. Our first opportunity because of sin is forfeited.
- Today, we are going to further explore why this mercy is so great.

• God's mercy is great because......

### HE ASSUMES ALL THE RISKS

- Have you ever considered that we are playing with house money.
- God didn't have to extend us mercy. We are the ones who become unrighteous. A condition that causes separation from a righteous God.- Isaiah 59:2

• God's mercy is great because......

#### HE ASSUMES ALL THE RISKS

- We have all sinned- Romans 3:23
- We all deserve death.
- He is the one who opens himself up to rejection.
  - John 3:16-17

God's mercy is great because......

### HE PLANNED OUR RESCUE

- I Peter 1:3
- Acts 2:22-23
- Eph. 1:3-5
- John 3:3-5

God's mercy is great because......

### HE SUPPLIES ALL THE REWARDS

- Salvation
- Secured Inheritance
  - I Peter 1:4
- Spiritual protection
  - I Peter 1:5