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IV. Our Refuge in God: verse 3

- our strength in temptation: 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:10ff.
- our grace in time of need: Hebrews 4:16
- our peace: Philippians 4:6-7; Ephesians 2:13-18; Colossians 3:15
- our contentment: Hebrews 13:5-6; Philippians 4:11-13; Galatians 2:20
- our forgiveness: 2 Peter 3:9-11; 1 John 1:9

V. Our Hope – “glory”: verse 4; Romans 8:24-25; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 John 3:2-3

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I. “Seeking”

- striving for something desired / important: cf. Matthew 13:45
- basically seek one of two things: Philippians 2:21
- world seeks many things: Romans 10:3; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:6
- our adversary is seeking too: 1 Peter 5:8-9

II. Necessitates A Right Relationship – “IF” verse 1

- God’s blessings are conditional: Ephesians 2:8-10

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- “If ... ye were raised together with Christ”: Romans 6:3-5, 11; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 1:13

III. Requires Prioritizing Our Life: verse 2

- “seeking” calls for a mindset on spiritual things: Ezra 7:10; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Philippians 3:8
- first priority: Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:61
- exemplified by Jesus: 1 Peter 2:21-24
- adopting David’s perspective: Psalms 119:14-16