

WE WERE FULL OF SIN.

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.  
(Titus 3:3)

AND THE WRATH OF GOD WAS UPON US.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. Whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.  
Romans 1:18, John 3:36)

BUT GOD SHOWED US MERCY AND LOVE.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.  
(Titus 3:4)

HE FORGAVE OUR SINS.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.  
(Ephesians 1:7)

HE HAS GIVEN US A GLORIOUS HOPE.

He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

(1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 Peter 1:8-9, 2 Cor 9:15)