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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

Session 2

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“A living hope”

Hope for the Christian is defined as an assurance, not a maybe. We see in this week's passage how hope and faith are linked together. It begins by telling us that our hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have a living hope because we have a living Savior. Through our faith in that Savior we have become heirs with Him of all the riches of God (Romans 8:17). It is an **“inheritance”** that is **“reserved in heaven”** for us by the power of God. This living hope gives us great joy, even though, for a time, in this life, we must face **“various trials.”** For even the trials are used by God for our good. They actually serve two very important purposes for us. They confirm our faith is real; and if it is, refines that faith as fire refines gold; so that when Christ returns, we might hear those precious words, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Do you want to live in assurance and **“joy inexpressible and full of glory”**? Then make it your determined purpose this year to grow in your faith in the Faithful One; that the trials you face in these days might actually serve to make you shine all the more for your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Passage: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NKJV)

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3

Peter tells us we have been **“begotten to a living hope.”** What are the two things that enabled us to partake of this living hope according to this verse?

Scripture: Hebrews 6:19-20

What is this living hope to us? What does this hope, this assurance, allow us to do?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:4

What has the resurrection of Jesus Christ given us? How is it described here? Where is our inheritance **“reserved”** for us?

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3

Paul let's us know that our inheritance in Christ is not just for when we get to heaven. What does he say God has blessed us with?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:5; Hebrews 11:1

Who is this inheritance reserved for in heaven? What is faith the **“substance of”**?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:6

What does our faith in the One who keeps us by His power help us to do EVEN in the face of the many trials we face in this life?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:7

What do the various trials of this life serve to do in the life of a believer? What does Peter say about our faith that shows how important it is to God? What will our faith result in when Christ returns?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:8-9

What two things does this verse say our faith will produce in this life (v.8); and ultimately, for the next life (v.9)?

Personal Application:

Warren Wiersbe wrote; "A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted." Don't fear the trials of this life; trust God to use them to purify your faith for your good. When trials and tribulations come at you in this life, how do you respond? How has this passage changed the way you look at trials, and what can you do differently in the future when trials come?

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1