



BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE

PAST: Living hope is certain because Jesus is _____ .

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ... v. 3

FUTURE: Living hope is certain because our inheritance is _____ .

... to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. vv. 4-5

PRESENT: Living hope is certified when our faith is _____ .

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. vv. 6-9

APPLICATION

LIVING HOPE IS CERTAIN HOPE—
rooted in Christ's resurrection, secured by our coming inheritance and proven through tested faith.

PAST: What are you resting your hope on?

FUTURE: What are you trying to make heaven out of?

PRESENT: What is the fire revealing?



HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-9. What are the descriptive terms Peter applies to the believer's glorious inheritance?

2. How would you describe the *living hope* we as Christians have?

3. How would you explain to someone the difference between *hope* and *faith*?

4. Peter reminds his readers of the greatness of their salvation. How is a Christian's appreciation of, and gratitude for, their salvation an incentive for following Jesus in obedience and joy?

5. What does Peter teach about the trials we experience?

6. Is anything Peter says in this passage about trials helpful to you personally? If so, what? If not, why not?

7. How can the fact that God controls our trials comfort us when we're going through them?

8. How do you answer each question in the application section of the sermon notes, and what changes will you start making this week in response?

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HELPFUL Quotes

Peter called on his readers to bless (praise) God for giving us "a living hope," "not merely an empty wish." This vital hope has its roots in "the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Because He lives we shall live. Our new birth gave us this life. Consequently our hope is both alive within us and part of our new life in Christ.

- Tom Constable

Christians possess some of the benefits of salvation in this life, but the great fullness of redemption is yet to come. God has promised unfathomable glories in the eternal perfection of heaven that will one day be the conscious experience of every believer. He is the source of the believer's inheritance; it came because of His mercy and by the gracious means of the new birth; and it remains perfect and eternally secure, a reality all believers can fix their hope on. - John MacArthur

To begin with, it is a living hope because it is grounded on the living Word of God (1 Pet 1:23) and was made possible by the living Son of God who arose from the dead. A "living hope" is one that has life in it and therefore can give life to us. Because it has life, it grows and becomes greater and more beautiful as time goes on. Time destroys most hopes; they fade and then die. But the passing of time only makes a Christian's hope that much more glorious. - Warren Wiersbe

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!

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