

Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"
"A Living Hope"
1 Peter 1:1-5
Study-1

A Genuine Believer has a "Living Hope," **1 Peter 1:3. 1 Peter 1:21** – **"so that your faith and hope are in God."**

1 Peter – "Living God Gives A Living Hope"

The Author: Peter; 1 Peter 1:1 – "**Peter**, an apostle of Jesus Christ,"

When Written: About 63 AD.

Where it was Written: 1 Peter 5:13 – "**Babylon**" is probably another name for the city of Rome; "Babylon" in **Revelation 17:5** and **18:10**.

The Book of 1 Peter is called – "**A General Epistle**," along with **James, 2 Peter, 1, 2** and **3 John** and **Jude**, which are not limited to a single locality.

Philippians, Corinthians written to a group in a certain locality. James' Epistle, **James 1:1** – "**to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad**,"

Written To: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Strangers, scattered – "Diaspora" Jews who lived outside Israel and yet looked on it as their native land.

To Christians everywhere (**1 Peter 1:18,19, 23; 2:10,24**). He speaks to them not as Jews but as Christians.

Background: Peter writes to Christians that are suffering.

Purpose: To encourage persecuted and suffering Christians (**1:6-7; 5:8-9, 12**). To prepare the believers for more severe trials yet ahead (**4:12-13**).

Theme: 1 Peter – "Living God Gives A Living Hope."

Key Words: Suffer – 15X, Glory – 16X, Grace – 9X, Precious – 5X, Hope – 4X.

Key Chapter: 1 Peter 4 – How to handle persecution and suffering caused by one's Christian testimony.

Key Passage: 1 Peter 4:12-14

1 Peter 5:6-7

Outline:

1 Peter 1:1-2:10 – God’s Grace and Salvation.

1 Peter 2:11-3:12 – God’s Grace and Submission.

1 Peter 3:13-5:14 – God’s Grace and Suffering.

Thought Of Our Passage: “A Living God Offers A Living Hope Through The Living Word, A Salvation That Is Kept By God.”

1. Verses 1-2 – Chosen By God

2. Verses 3-5 – Born And Kept By God

1. Verses 1-2 – Chosen By God:

1 Peter 1:1 – “Peter,” – to the Jews, Galatians 2:1-10.

Peter, best known of the twelve Apostles, his name mentioned 193X in the Bible, but only once in this Letter.

Peter was originally a fisherman of Galilee, John 1:35-42; Matthew 4:18-19.

Peter’s original name was Simon or Simeon, but he was renamed Peter (Cephas – stone) by the Lord, Matthew 4:18-19; John 1:35-42.

Peter was married, Matthew 8:14-15.

Peter denied the Lord at a time of fear and weakness, but his fellowship and his ministry were wonderfully restored in John 21:15-17.

Jesus foretold Peter’s death, John 21:18-19.

“an apostle of Jesus Christ,” – This speaks of Peter’s Authority. Apostle – 75X NT; “one that was sent forth from another, messenger, one with credentials on a special mission.”

“To those who reside as aliens,” – “resident aliens, sojourners, those that settled down alongside of.” Christians are called “strangers, aliens, sojourners, and pilgrims,” 1 Peter 2:11; Philippians 3:20.

“scattered throughout” – The word “scattered” – Greek word “diaspora;” “to scatter like seed.” Readers were converted out of Gentile paganism, 1 Peter 1:14, 18; 2:9-10; 4:1-4. There was a mixture of both Jews and Gentiles.

"Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia," – Northern Asia Minor (modern Turkey). Pontus, Cappadocia, Asia, were represented on the day of Pentecost when Peter preached, Acts 2:7-12.

"Galatia," – mentioned in Acts 16:6. "Bithynia" – Acts 16:7.

At least 15X in this letter, Peter referred to suffering; and he used eight different Greek words to do so.

"who are chosen" – "elect" speaks of privilege, that people are chosen to salvation in Christ, destined to be sons of God, holy and blameless before Him, Ephesians 1:3-4. We cannot explain it (Romans 11:33-36), but we can rejoice in it, Romans 5:6; Who are the ungodly? All persons! 1 Timothy 2:4.

1 Peter 1:2 – "according to the foreknowledge of God the Father," – means "to know beforehand, to set one's love on a person or persons, having regard for or centering one's attention on."

"by the sanctifying work of the Spirit," – Sanctifying – idea of "setting apart." The sinner is convicted and drawn to Christ, placing their faith in God.

"to obey Jesus Christ" – Note The Trinity: God The Father, Spirit, Jesus Christ! It took all three Persons of the Trinity to bring me to salvation.

Human Responsibility: "to obey Jesus Christ" – 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14.

"and be sprinkled with His blood:" – To be cleansed, covenant relationship, dedicated.

"May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure." – Grace – God giving unmerited favor upon a person. Titus 2:11 – peace from God until we have experienced, condition of wholeness, completeness, Romans 5:1.

Peter does not deny man's part in God's plan to save sinners, 1 Peter 1:23.

Peter's own example at Pentecost is proof that we do not "leave it all with God" and never urge lost sinners to come to Christ, Acts 2:37-40.

2. Verses 3-5 – Born And Kept By God:

1 Peter 1:3

Praising The Author Of Salvation: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

“Blessed” – we get our word “eulogy,” to speak well. We’re called to speak well of God. “our Lord” – refers to the Old Testament name “Adonai.” “Jesus” means Savior and “Christ” is the word Messiah, or anointed One. Jesus is both Lord and Christ, which affirm His Deity!

In the Greek, the section in 1 Peter 1:3-9 make up one sentence.

Peter begins with wonder and worship instead of with worry. To look past the believer’s temporal troubles and rejoice in their eternal inheritance. Peter starts with God.

1 Peter 1:3 is identical to 2 Corinthians 1:3 and Ephesians 1:3.

Because Of The Believers Inheritance, Let’s Praise Him... 6 Reasons:

1. Verse 3 – God Be Praised For His Abundant Mercy: “who according to His great mercy” – Salvation is a gracious gift from God! Mercy – “the undeserved kindness of God in bringing the outsider to salvation;” Compassion and pity (Great), Titus 3:5.

2. Verse 3 – God Be Praised For The New Birth: “has caused us to be born again,” – John 3:3; John 1:12.

“born again” – means “to be born from above, to be born from the beginning;” “the new birth or regeneration, is the act of God by which He imparts eternal life to those who are dead in their trespasses and sins.”

3. Verse 3 – God Be Praised For The Living Hope: “to a living hope” – the word “Hope,” 5X in the epistle. Hope – “sure expectation of a future event.” “living hope” – Active, dynamic, vital; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 Peter 1:21; Hebrews 4:12.

4. Verse 3 – God Be Praised For The Certainty Of The Resurrection: “through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” – Romans 1:4.

Romans 4:25 – “was raised because of our justification.”

As believers, we have the expectation of a resurrection likened unto that of Jesus.

5. Verse 4 – God Be Praised For Our Guaranteed Inheritance: 1 Peter 1:4 (Romans 8:17-18; Ephesians 1:9-12; John 17:22-24).

“inheritance” – this inheritance is called “salvation.” The believer is already saved through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9), but the completion of that salvation awaits the return of the Saviour, 1 Peter 1:7; Titus 2:13.

“imperishable,” – “nothing can ruin it, never decay, incorruptible.”
“undefiled” – “it cannot be stained or cheapened in any way, without defect or flaw.” “and will not fade away.” – It will never grow old because it is eternal; it cannot wear out, Ephesians 1:13-14.

6. Verse – 5 God Be Praised For Keeping Us: 1 Peter 1:5.

“protected” – is a military word that means “guarded, shielded.”

“by the power” – “dunamis,” dynamic power. “of God through faith.”
– This same truth is repeated in 1 Peter 1:9.

“for a salvation ready to be revealed” – Romans 8:30.

“in the last time.” – The Apocalypse, Revelation 21:1;
2 Thessalonians 2:8.

Application:

1. Believers Are Referred To As Aliens, Sojourners, Strangers, And Pilgrims. This World Is Not Our Home. Our Citizenship Is In Heaven And Is Secure.
2. All Three Persons Of The Trinity Have A Part In Our Salvation. The Father’s Electing Love; The Spirit’s Conviction Of The Sinner; Jesus’ Sacrifice. Our Part Is To Obey Jesus And To Believe By Faith.
3. Peter Begins With Wonder And Worship Of God Instead Of Worry. We Need To Look Past Our Temporal Troubles And Rejoice In Our Eternal Inheritance.
4. Our Inheritance Which Is Our Salvation Is Protected By The Power Of God; Constantly Being Guarded By God, Assuring Us That We Shall Safely Arrive In Heaven.