

Easter 2024 “Living Hope”
1 Peter 1:3-9
March 31, 2024

1 Peter 1:3-9 NIV

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1. What is a living hope?
2. What hopes are attached to the resurrection?
3. How does this living hope change our today?

“The salvation of your souls.”

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 ESV

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Jesus resurrection guarantees ours.

1 Peter 1:4-5 NIV

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The same power that keeps these promises certain is the same power the keeps you safe for them.

1 Peter 1:6 NIV

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Revelation 21:4-5 NIV

4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Jesus restores.

Ephesians 1:20-21 ESV

20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

1 Corinthians 15:25 ESV

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Jesus reigns with a purpose.

1 Peter 1:7 NIV

7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Trials give us a chance to believe more deeply and prove that what we hope for is better.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- Have you ever received an inheritance? In what ways might your life adjust if you knew you were going to be given something valuable upon a family member's passing?
- What do you think the inheritance kept in heaven for you is?
- When you think about Jesus making all things new, what is something you long to see changed?
- How can confidence in the current reign of Jesus bring comfort?
- 1 Peter 1:6-7 suggests that our thoughts about suffering and trials can change because of our "living hope." How?
- Can you give an example from your own life how a trial produced faith and brought you closer to Jesus?
- How do Christians become better at expressing joy and sorrow?
- What is something difficult you are going through right now. What would expressing sorrow and joy look like for you?