

A LIVING HOPE

HOPE IN CONFLICT

- THE BOOK OF 1 PETER IS WRITTEN TO A VERY ANTI-CHRISTIAN SOCIETY
- HOW CAN WE HAVE A HOPE THAT REFLECTS THE LOVE OF GOD IN A TIME OF STRESS, ANXIETY AND ANIMOSITY?
- HOW CAN WE HAVE A PEACE AND JOY THAT LOOKS BEYOND THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE GLORY THE IMMORTAL GOD IS AND HAS FOR US ALSO?

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- 1 PET.1:3-9

1. WHAT IS A LIVING HOPE?

- IT IS CAUSED BY THE ACTIVITY OF GOD – 3A
- IT IS BY HIS MERCY- 3B
- IT IS THROUGH BEING BORN AGAIN- 3C
- IT IS THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST- 3D
- IT IS AN INHERITANCE -4

OUR INHERITANCE

- THIS INHERITANCE IS IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED, AND UNFADING
 - IT IS KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU
- ### 2. WHO ARE WE? -5
- WE ARE BEING GUARDED BY GOD'S POWER
 - WE ARE GUARDED BY FAITH
 - WE ARE BEING GUARDED BY FAITH FOR A SALVATION
 - IT IS TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME

OUR FAITH

- WE REJOICE IN THAT WE HAVE A SALVATION TO COME- 6A
- THE TESTING OF OUR FAITH WILL BRING GRIEVING- 6B
- THE TESTING IS TO SHOW YOUR FAITH IS GENUINE – 7A
- A TESTED GENUINE FAITH WILL RESULT IN PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOUR AT THE REVELATION OF CHRIST- 7B
- WE LOVE HIM WITH OUT SEEING HIM -8A
- TRIED FAITH WILL CAUSE US TO BELIEVE AND REJOICE WITH GLORY FILLED INEXPRESSIBLE JOY -8B

JOY IN SUFFERING

- “SUFFERING CAN ONLY HAVE MEANING IF GOD IS SUPREMELY VALUABLE TO US” – JOHN PIPER
- ACTS 20:24 – PAUL’S VIEW OF THE VALUE OF THIS LIFE
- IF YOU HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED THE INEXPRESSIBLE JOY THAT IS FELT WHEN SHARING THE GOSPEL, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT TODAY.
- EVERYONE IS AFRAID THE FIRST TIME YOU WITNESS, BUT THE JOY THAT FLOWS FROM IT OVERWHELMS THAT FEAR

COME FOLLOW ME

- MATT.16:24-26 – JESUS’ MANDATE FOR EACH OF US
- FOLLOWING JESUS INVOLVES
 1. WE MUST DENY OURSELVES
 2. WE MUST TAKE UP **OUR** CROSS
 3. WE MUST FOLLOW CHRIST
 4. IF WE SEEK TO SAVE THIS LIFE, WE WILL LOSE ETERNITY
 5. IF WE LOSE OUR LIFE TO THIS WORLD, WE WILL GAIN ETERNITY

COME FOLLOW ME

6. WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN RETURN FOR HIS SOUL?
 - IS IT OUR PASSION TO SEE THE INDESCRIBABLE GLORY OF THE IMMORTAL GOD, OR LIVE COMFORTABLY AND DIE HEALTHY?
 - HEB.12:2-3; 10:32-39
 - ARE WE LEAD BY FEAR OR FAITH IN AN ALMIGHTY GOD?
 - FOXE’S BOOK OF MARTYRS
 - KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS