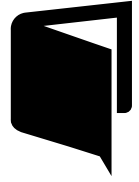


this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, January 17, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 2 | **Hope That Lives**

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ 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, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Because of **GOD ALONE**

1 Peter 1:3

blessed be = eulogy... HIGH PRAISE

Psalms 104:1; 26:12; 34:1; 103:1-2; Eph. 1:3ff

grace & mercy

Lamentations 3:22-23; Ephesians 2

caused us to be born again

John 3:3, 7; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; Ephesians 2

we have **HOPE THAT'S ALIVE**

1 Peter 1:3b

hope

Romans 8:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13; Hebrews 6:13-20

Jesus's resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:14

and cannot (and *will not*) **FAIL!**

1 Peter 1:4-5

inheritance

v. 4; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:33; Ephesians 1:14

imperishable

undefiled

unfading

God's power, your faith

v. 5

A salvation that is *Past*, v. 3 *Present*, v. 5 *Future!* v. 5



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. Peter aims the first comments of his letter not at addressing his audience's difficult circumstances, nor at telling them how to conduct themselves while living in an evil world—rather he begins with praising God! "*Blessed be God!*" Read the following verses that praise God for who he is and what he's done. Take time to meditate on these things and praise him yourself.

Psalm 150:1-6

Ephesians 1:3-14

Psalm 103:1-22

2. Peter makes it clear that God alone saves us in his grace and mercy. What do the following passages say about God's saving work in our lives through Jesus Christ?

Titus 3:5

Colossians 2:13

John 3:3-8

Ephesians 2:1-10

2 Timothy 1:9

James 1:18

3. According to 1 Peter 1:3-5, we are born again to (1) a living hope and (2) an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. This was written to a group of people who were suffering for their faith and likely anxious about the future. Compare those promises to Jesus' own words in **Luke 2:22-34** and **Matthew 6:19-21**. (One item of note — Peter spent *a lot* of time with Jesus, and would have heard him say these very things!)

Life Group Sign-Ups Are Open!



Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, check out the sign-ups in the Commons or let someone know at the Connect Desk. You can also email dave@wawaseebible.com.

Personal Prayer Items



NEW YEAR CHALLENGE

Make a daily list of the evidences of God at work in your life.

Deuteronomy 11:7 says, “Your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did.” — As you begin 2021, your challenge is to start a *daily* list of the good things you see God do. At the end of each day, add to your list. Keep it in your Bible or on your phone, and thank God for those things each day!

Word Find for Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

³ **Blessed** be the God and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, who has **blessed** us in **Christ** with **every spiritual blessing** in the **heavenly places**, ⁴ **even** as he **chose** us in him before the **foundation** of the world, that we should be **holy** and **blameless** before him. In **love** ⁵ he **predestined** us for **adoption** to himself as **sons** through **Jesus Christ, according** to

the **purpose** of his will, ⁶ to

the **praise** of his **glorious grace**, with which he has **blessed** us in the **Beloved**.

⁷ In him we have

redemption through his **blood**, the **forgiveness** of our **trespasses, according**

to the **riches** of his **grace**, ⁸

which he **lavished** upon us, in all **wisdom** and

insight ⁹ **making known**

to us the **mystery** of his will, **according** to his

purpose, which he set

forth in **Christ** ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to

unite all **things** in him, **things** in **heaven** and

things on earth.

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