

Certain Hope in a Broken World

1 Peter 1:1-12

Opening: Environment often shapes the hope of a person.

Peter is writing to **Scattered Christians** who were living in hopelessly broken world but he offers hope to them. These Christians are now in unfamiliar and persecuting environments as they have been forced from their homes for their faith.

Peter shares with Christians who are in hopeless environments but reminds them that as Christians they have a certain hope!

Timeless Truth - Let's look at 4 reasons you can have hope that is certain even in a broken world. How do you maintain hope while in a world that seems hopelessly broken?

1. YOUR HOPE IS IN _____ - V. 1-3

*"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**"*

- A. God is your _____ -
- B. Jesus is your _____
 - His Blood
 - His resurrection secures our hope. - 1 Cor. 6:14 "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power."
- C. Holy Spirit is your _____

2. Your Hope is _____ by God v. 4-5

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- A. The Value of your Hope
 - Incorruptible -
 - Undefiled -
 - Fadeth not away
- B. Who: is Keeping your Inheritance
 - Kept by the power of God
- C. Where: God is Keeping Your Inheritance Reserved in Heaven

3. Your Hope Leads You to _____ - v. 6-9

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

Peter outlines 5 reasons why we are able to rejoice in our hope

- A. This Trial is But For A _____
- B. This Trial is _____
- C. This Trial is _____
- D. This Trial is not Based on Sight but _____
- E. This Trail will Lead to _____

4. Your Hope Was _____ - v. 10-12

"Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

There are four groups of people that have spoken about our salvation:

- A. The Prophets -
- B. The Spirit of Christ -
- C. The Apostles
- D. The Angels -

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Here is an exercise that will help you apply the teaching. Consider discussing these questions with someone else:

1. In your own words how would you describe hope?
2. How have you seen the world's hope fade or fail?
3. What does it look like to rejoice in the midst of life's hardships?
4. How does knowing you have a secure place in God's family change your perspective on life?