

Confident Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3–9

It is such a beautiful and amazing life changing event when Christ becomes your **Confident Living Hope**.

When you come to the amazing realization of who Jesus is, it begins to transform your life from the inside out!

The reason Pastor Dave and I decided to go through this section of scripture this morning and not jump right back into Revelation, is because of the awesome way God moved this past Sunday.

Guys it's undeniable when God makes his movement known,

- After both services this past Sunday multiple people came up and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior!

People left with the **Confident Living Hope** that is found only in Jesus, and man oh man how exciting that is!

So for all of us this morning let's let today be a day that we are reminded of the confident living hope that is found in Jesus

Or

For some of us let's let today be the day that we come to the life altering amazing realization of the **Confident Living Hope** that is found in Jesus!

Paul writes this in
Ephesians 1:19–20 (NLT)

19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power 20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

This is what I challenge each of you.... that already have this **Confident Living Hope** in Christ....., to Pray with me that everyone who doesn't understand the incredible greatness of God's power that raised Christ from the dead will come to do so! Both here in this room and online!

Let's Pray

1 Peter 1:3 (NLT):

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,

- All Praise to God!
 - + That should be the theme of our life,
 - + in all we do
 - + in all we say,

- All praise to God, Because it is only because of his great and mighty mercy that we have the opportunity to live with a great expectation of who is!

In other words it is because of God's mercy that we are able to have this **Confident Living Hope** in Jesus! Because of how he raised him from the dead.

Lest keep reading in

1 Peter 1:4 (NLT):

4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

- Church this Great inheritance is found ONLY in JESUS

- Jesus is the only one who can provide the **Confident Living Hope** that is INCORRUPTIBLE, UNDEFILED, and UNFADING
 - + It is pure

 - + It is beyond the reach of change and decay

 - + It is everlasting

When Peter is writing this letter he is writing to Christians to Encourage them to continue to endure the suffering and persecution that they are facing.

- Peter does this by reminding them of the amazing **Confident Living Hope** they already have in Christ!

A reason both us and the original readers of these verses are able to have the confidence in the Living Hope that Jesus provides is because it is kept in heaven!

- This priceless Inheritance, its **Confident Living Hope** is Kept in heaven for YOU.

+ THAT IS MIND BLOWING TO ME,.....

- There is no other Hope that is reserved in heaven, no other Hope that is pure and everlasting!!!
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!!!! The Only Hope that is reserved in heaven, is the **Confident Living Hope** that comes from being born again and having a real relationship with Jesus!!!

The hope of making money isn't kept in heaven
The hope of politics isn't kept in heaven
The hope of this life here on earth isn't kept in heaven

I'm telling you, there is nothing more wonderful than experiencing the inheritance that Jesus provides, and letting this **Confident Living Hope** be the reason for your life! The reason for living

Paul writes this in
Galatians 2:20 (NLT): about his walk with Jesus

20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Church this **Confident Living Hope** in Jesus needs to be the truth by which we live!

- to be an outsource of God's wonderful inheritance
- to be a light in this dark world
- To be a group of people who are set apart by the **Confident Living Hope** we have in Jesus
 - + Both in public and behind closed doors

Guys you too can live a crucified life

We gotta say to ourselves

“I’ve got to KNOW this Great God who has given me this Great Living Hope In order for me to WALK in it”

- To live for God, to not allow this world to make you be defiled against God, and for us that only happens when we place our life in the **Confident Living Hope** of Jesus Christ!

Where we can start living a life that is incorruptible, undefiled, that does not fade away

- no matter what heaviness you have weighing down on your mind,
- No matter the sin you are struggling with
- No matter how broken your home life may be

+mr Conner.....

This **Confident Living Hope** in Jesus Christ can transform your life!

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1 Peter 1:5 (NLT):

5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

- man how awesome it is, to know that this inheritance is protected by the power of God!
- It is protected by the God who spoke life into existence
- It is protected by the God who flung every star into its place
- It is protected by the God who so wonderfully knit you together in your mothers womb

John 10:27–30 (NKJV) says this

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My

Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one.”

- This is the **confident living Hope** we have Guys,
 - that when we place our faith in Jesus,
 - when we surrender to him,

We move from this place where

- we no longer are people of this world, we no longer identify with this world,

but instead

- We live as people set apart by God.
- We live as people who are citizens of heaven!

And that can't be taken away from us, we can't be snatched from the hand of God! We belong to him and to him alone!

This **confident Living Hope** cannot be taken away from us!

Personal story.

Got saved at 20 4 years ago,
Life without Confident living Hope
Life with Confident living Hope

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT):

6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

As believers we can REJOICE TODAY because there is Wonderful JOY Ahead

This inexpressible Joy that we will be in, when we are in the presence of our God one day,

..... man what a sweet day will that be!.....

Even tho – In this World – we WILL have Tribulation

- + we will have difficulties,
- + We will feel hurt and pain
- + Suffering and hardships

We are told to TAKE HEART (Jesus says in Jn 16:33)

Stand Strong – BE Confident

because Jesus Christ has overcome this world on our behalf

As we close as the worship team comes up,

I want to read this to you guys from various different psalms.

IN the Psalms - The LORD Is . . . My King & My God – Psa 5:2

My Rock, my Fortress, - Psa 18:2 My Shepherd - Psa 23:1

My Light & Salvation - Psa 27:1

My Refuge & Strength – Psa 46:1

My Hope & Confidence – Psa 71:5

My Portion forever – Psa 73:26

My Dwelling place - Psa 90:1

My Strength & Song - Psa 118:14

My Help - Psa 121:2

My Deliverer – Psa 144:2 . . . & a HUNDRED Other things

Church

This **Confident Living Hope** comes ONLY thru

Truly Surrendering your Life to Jesus Christ

- + Making him your Savior & your Lord
- + thru a Genuine Abiding Daily Relationship with him

so - If you have not

Truly Surrendered your Life to Jesus Christ

in order to TAKE HOLD of this **Confident LIVING HOPE**

Let's Pray