



HOPE

A large, dark, ornate key with a twisted metal handle and a wooden tag with the word "HOPE" written on it in a cursive script. The key and tag are resting on a weathered wooden surface. The tag is light-colored and has a small hole at the top where it was attached to the key.

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A Living Hope:
Pilgrims on the Way Home

1 Peter 1:1-8

A wooden tag with the word "HOPE" written in dark ink is tied with a rope and rests on a weathered wooden surface. The tag is slightly tilted, and the rope is coiled around it. The background shows the texture of the wood and the grain of the tag.

Background on the Letter & Author

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A wooden sign with the word "HOPE" written on it in a cursive font, resting on a wooden surface. A pair of glasses is visible in the background.

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The Recipients: Pilgrims in the Dispersion



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Two Central Themes:

Peter writes that those who read might be assured that heaven is our reward and that Jesus is coming again.



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New birth ("born again") + living hope through Christ's resurrection



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The Nature of Our Inheritance

Incorruptible, undefiled, unfading, reserved in heaven

Kept and protected by God's power through faith

Balance of divine sovereignty & human responsibility

A large, dark, ornate key with a circular head and a long shaft lies diagonally across a weathered wooden surface. A small, light-colored wooden tag with the word "HOPE" written in dark, cursive script is attached to the key's head. The tag is slightly tilted and shows some texture. The background is a close-up of the wooden surface, showing its grain and some wear.

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Statement of Truth:

Salvation is not dependent upon us to maintain because God is a keeping God.