

# 1 PETER: IDENTITY IN EXILE

## Living In A World That Doesn't Fully Accept Us

### 2 - Born Again to a Living Hope: Hope That Outlives the Fire

#### 1 Peter 1:3a (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..

What do you have that sustains you when life gets hard?

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"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

- Believers can endure present fire because they possess future security.
- Hope isn't wishful thinking. It's confidence grounded in the resurrection of Jesus.

#### BECAUSE OF JESUS...

1. God has given us new birth into a living hope.

#### 1 Peter 1:3b

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

- A living Savior creates a living hope.
- Biblical hope isn't shaky optimism; it's settled expectation!

#### BECAUSE OF JESUS, OUR LIVING HOPE...

2. God has guaranteed an inheritance that is imperishable.

- What God has promised cannot rot, rust, or be revoked.

#### 1 Peter 1:5

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you **who through faith are shielded by God's power** until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

- Our inheritance is being kept for us, and we are being kept for our inheritance.
- God is not only keeping your future for you; He is keeping you for your future.

### BECAUSE OF JESUS, OUR LIVING HOPE...

#### 3. God uses trials to purify faith, not destroy it.

##### 1 Peter 1:6

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

##### 1 Peter 1:7

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

- God uses trials to reveal and refine genuine faith.

### BECAUSE OF JESUS, OUR LIVING HOPE...

#### 4. God has given us a salvation so great that heaven itself has long looked forward to it.

##### 1 Peter 1:8a

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him...

##### 1 Peter 1:8b

...are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy...

##### 1 Peter 1:9

...for *you are receiving* the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- Our salvation is future in its fullness, yet present in its possession.

##### 1 Peter 1:10

“Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care...”

## 1 Peter 1:12

Even angels long to look into these things.

- Never treat lightly what heaven has prized so precious.
- Our salvation is ancient in promise, accomplished in Christ, announced by the Spirit, and admired by angels.

**Peter writes to pressured believers and gives them four stabilizers:**

1. A living hope.
  2. A secure inheritance.
  3. A refining purpose in trials.
  4. A glorious salvation.
- Trials are real, but not final.
  - The worst thing is never the last thing for the believer.

Let's stand and declare this together:

- Because Jesus lives, my hope lives!
- Because my inheritance is secure, my trials are temporary!
- Because God is keeping me, I can endure the fire!