



BORN AGAIN TO A
LIVING HOPE
THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

Bible study for the week starting June 2, 2024

SHARE

Jesus calls you to be willing to die for a Savior you've never seen. First of all, would you? Second of all, WHY?!

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **1 Peter 1:1-12**. What do you know about Peter, based on his life as a disciple in the Gospels and then as an apostle in the book of Acts?
2. Peter is writing to Christians who are scattered and persecuted to affirm their "living hope." What in this passage resonates with you in our surroundings today, and what is different?
3. Read **Isaiah 40:28-31**. This is a classic and well-known on those who "wait" and "hope" in the Lord. What benefits does this hope bring? How does that apply to your life?
4. Read **John 16:25-33**. The certainty of tribulation came up in an "end times" sermon a couple weeks ago, and surfaces in 1 Peter 1. Does suffering scare you? Why or why not? Think of some of the things Jesus spoke in red letters outside of the Gospels (Hebrews 13:5, 2 Corinthians 12:9, not to mention Revelation). What comfort does Jesus offer?

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Spirit's strength to withstand suffering and remain faithful unto death.



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HOPE IN HARD TIMES

1 Peter 1:1-12 (Isaiah 40:28-31; John 16:25-33)
June 2, 2024 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

You do not seek the fight; the fight finds you. Meanwhile, you have COMPASSION on your ENEMIES and PRAY for your PERSECUTORS.

You NEED hope, and the Triune God OFFERS that hope.

‘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...’
-1 Peter 1:3

IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED, and UNFADING.

Real people, likely people they KNEW, were being PERSECUTED and even MARTYRED for their faith.

Peter gives them encouragement to DIE for a Savior most of them have never SEEN.

You are given hope that leads to an inexpressible JOY that can't be taken from you no matter what CRUCIBLE you face.

For next week, please read 1 Peter 1:13-25 (also Acts 2:14, 36-41 and John 7:37-39).