

The Church's Hope

1 Peter 1:3-9

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³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵ You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ You rejoice in this, ^[a] even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷ so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

(1 Peter 1:3-9, CSB)

Our World Promises Passing Hope...

Perspectives on HOPE?

Optimism...

Belief...

Trust...

Sources of HOPE?

Health and security...

Recognition...

Resources...

Relationships...

Our World Promises Passing Hope...

Passing hope...

Passing Privilege (1 Pet. 1:18)

Passing Pleasures (1 Pet. 4:3)

“If we build our hope on pleasure, privilege, recognition, resources, relationships, people, politicians, political parties...we are building our house of hope on sinking sand...”

God Promises a Lasting, Living Hope (v. 3)

Hope is...

Given by God

Granted by new birth

Guaranteed in Christ's resurrection

God Promises Hope with an Eternal Inheritance... (v. 4)

Granted today...

Guaranteed in heaven...

“the inheritance that the Church receives in Jesus Christ *already has our name(s) on it!*”

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