# 1 PETER

## LIVING HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

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### A MAIN IDEA OF 1 PETER:

Life may suck you in and spit you out, but is doesn't have to _____

### 1 PETER'S ORIGINAL READERS: God's elect exiles, scattered...

Christian Hope is founded in a deeply held world view that God is _____ and that he holds _____ and _____ in His hands.

### WHY CHRISTIAN HOPE CAN CARRY ME THROUGH ANYTHING

1. I am _____

**Key phrases regarding what it means to be chosen.**

- *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ …*
- *God's Elect Exiles…*
  *(note the difference between tourists, immigrants and exiles)*
- *Chosen according to Father… Sanctifying work of Spirit … by blood of Jesus, the Son.*

> *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, [2] who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance."*
>
> ~ 1 PETER 1:1-2 *(NIV)*

1. I have _____

> *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, [4] and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you [5] 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."*
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> ~ 1 PETER 1:3-5 *(NIV)*

We have Living Hope through _____

We have Living Hope in _____

1. I have _____ at work in my life

> *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.* **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.* **8** *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,* **9** *for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."*
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> **~ 1 PETER 1:6-9** *(NIV)*

## DISCUSSION *Questions:*

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**1 -** *Share with your group what you would consider a very bad day, maybe even the worst day that you can remember.*

**2 -** *Peter refers to his readers as "God's Elect Exiles". Does it seems surprising to you that a person can be considered both God's Elect and an Exile? Which do you currently feel more like, and why?*

**3 -** *As you think about what it means to live as "an exile"in this world, what are some examples of ways that you have felt like an outsider because of your faith?*

**4 -** *1 Peter 1:2 is one of the verses where all three members of the Trinity are mentioned in one place. What is the role of the Father, Spirit or Son in this passage? Which do you most need to be reminded of right now?*

**5 -** *Read 1 Peter 1:4-5. What promises about your future do you find in these verses? How does this encourage you today?*

**6 -** *Read 1 Peter 1:5-12. As you think about this book being originally written to people facing great persecution, why does Peter seem to say they can find hope because of God being at work even in their trials?*

**7 -** *What is one trial you are currently facing that you could ask your group to pray for you?*

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