

**Our Living Hope**  
**Meadowbrook Church**  
**April 12, 2020**

*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, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for you ...” I Peter 1:3-4*

**OUR HOPE IS LIVING**

*...He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*

- Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony.
- Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery.
- But *Easter*—that Sunday—was the day of hope and joy and victory.

**OUR HOPE IS BASED ON THE HISTORICAL FACT OF THE RESURRECTION**

- He tells us heaven is a real place

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Revelation 21:1-2*

- Heaven is a holy place

*I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. Revelation 21:22*

- Heaven is a safe place

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4*

- Heaven is a big place

*The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Revelation 21:24-26*

- Heaven is a serving place

*... his servants will serve him ... they will reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:3*

**OUR HOPE IS KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR US**

Peter says this inheritance ... *is kept in heaven for you.* I Peter 1:4

**OUR HOPE IS GIVEN TO US THROUGH HIS GREAT MERCY AND THE NEW BIRTH**

*In his great mercy we has given us new birth into a living hope.* I Peter 1:3

*But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12*