



Living Hope
1 Peter 1:1-5
Study Guide

1. Peter was an apostle (1:1a). He was one given authority to lay the foundation of the church. Prior to this, he was a disciple. Discuss the concept that a disciple is *someone learning to follow a foreign will*. How did Peter learn this? How have you been learning this? What could be the effects of living in this way?
2. Christians were dispersing (1:1b) to other countries because they were facing persecution under Nero. Amid hopelessness, Peter wrote about '*living hope*' (1:3). Truth is, we all live on hope! That is how we are wired. What are some of the things we place our hope in (*future dreams...*)?
3. In the midst of hopelessness, Peter gives us a powerful reminder of our living hope! Read 1 Peter 1:2-5 and discuss the implications of our living hope:

² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- God the Father chose you- [implications]
- The Holy Spirit transforms you- [implications]
- Jesus pays for you and offers endless grace- [implications]
- Jesus is God's son- [implications]
- God offers great mercy- [implications]
- God causes our new birth- [implications]

- God seals our hope by the resurrection of Christ- *[implications]*
- God promises our inheritance- *[implications]*
- God protects our salvation- *[implications]*

Application

Take a few minutes as a group to pray and worship God for each of these aspects of our living hope.

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A. Peter- learning how to follow an 'alien' will. (1:1a)

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

B. Sojourners- living in a temporary world. (1:1b)

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1 Peter Theme: "...born again to a living hope." (1:3)

1 Cor. 15:19- "If in this life only we have hope, we are of all people most miserable."

John 21:18b-19

"...when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'"

C. Recipients of endless grace. (1:2)

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1. God the Father chose you!
2. The Holy Spirit transforms you!
3. Jesus pays for you!

D. Worship because of our living hope. (1:3-5)

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1. Deity of Christ
2. The mercy of God
3. Our new birth

4. God's resurrection

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5. God's promise of our inheritance

6. God's protection of our salvation

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Communion

2 Corinthians 13:4b

"For we are weak in him, but ... we will live with him by the power of God."