



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:

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> 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.

## 1 Peter 1:1-5

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

<sup>1</sup>Peter, 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." <sup>19</sup>(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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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."