

“Living for God” - Series on letter of 1 Peter

LIVING HOPE – Part 1

Scriptures: 1 Peter 1: 1-12, 1 Timothy 4:8-10

□ **Peter Kreeft** – “Hope is the oxygen for the soul.”

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia...” – **1 Peter 1:1**

☞ “By grace Peter was the pebble who became a rock.” – Philip Greenslade

□ “...who have been chosen...” – **1 Peter 1:2**

“Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,
and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.” - **Isaiah 43:4 -5**

“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. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 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.” – 1 Peter 1:3-5

☞ **Luke 24:21** – “...but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.”

Clement of Alexandria – “Jesus has turned all my sunsets into sunrises.”

☞ **John 10:28-29** – “I give them eternal life, and they shall never snatch them out of my hand. My father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

Ecclesiastes 9:4 – “Anyone who is among the living has hope...”

☐ **1 Peter 3:15** - ‘Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.’

Ezra 10:2 - But in spite of this, there is still hope for Israel.

☞ “Christians believe that glory follows and grows out of suffering.” –
Lawrence Richards

1 Timothy 4:10 -That is why we labour and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe.

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Jonathan Wilson – “Hope becomes the habitual way of life for those who see their lives stretched between Christ’s first and second coming.”

☐ Hope is anchored in the past and in future.