



Hope-Filled Living in A Troubled World – First Peter series

Where There's God, There's Hope - Part 1

1 Peter 1:1-12 - Mike Prah

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“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. 3 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. 6 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. 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when He predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.” 1 Peter 1:1-12 NIV

3 FACTS TO REMEMBER WHEN DISCOURAGED: BENEFITS OF BEING A BELIEVER

1. GOD HAS CHOSEN ME TO BE A PART OF HIS FAMILY!

“Dear friends, God the Father chose you long ago and knew you would become his children” 1 Peter 2:2a (LB)

“You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father” 1 Peter 2:2a (GN)

“All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is His boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.” 1 Peter 1:3a (LB)

“Because of God’s great mercy He gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope” 1 Peter 1:3b (GN)

As a Child of God, No Matter What Happens, God Will Always Love Me!

2. GOD IS WORKING IN MY LIFE!

"... And the Holy Spirit has been at work in your hearts, cleansing you with the blood of Jesus Christ and making you to please Him." 1 Peter 1:2b (LB)

"May God bless you richly and grant you increasing freedom from all anxiety and fear." 1 Peter 1:2c (LB)

"(You're) not forgotten: God the Father has His eye on each of you ..." 1 Peter 1:1b (MSG)

As a Child of God, No Matter What Happens, God will Help Me!

What about my current problems?

"Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold... is tested by fire; and so your faith ... must also be tested, that it may endure. Then you will receive praise ... and honor on the Day when Jesus returns." 1 Peter 1:7 (GN)

"...This short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever!" 2 Corinthians 4:17 (LB)

3. GOD HAS SECURED MY FUTURE!

"And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay." 1 Peter 1:4 (LB)

"God, in His mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting Him..." 1 Peter 1:5 (LB)

As a Child of God, No Matter What Happens, My Salvation is Secure

DIRECTIONS FOR ENJOYING A HOPE-FILLED LIFE

"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, for you are receiving the end result of your faith" 1 Peter 1:8-9a (NIV)

LOVE CHRIST: "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him" 1 Peter 1:8a (NIV)

TRUST CHRIST: "... even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him" 1 Peter 1:8b

REJOICE IN CHRIST "... [be] filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" 1 Peter 1:8c (NIV)

RECEIVE FROM CHRIST "...for you are receiving the end result of your faith" 1 Peter 1:9a (NIV)

Peter's conclusion:

"This means tremendous joy to you, even though at present you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials" 1 Peter 1:6 (Ph)

"...Do you realize how fortunate you are? Angels would have given anything to be in on this!" 1 Peter 1:12b (MSG)