

SALEM HEIGHTS

THRIVING

IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

HOPE IS THE EAGER ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENT EXPECTATION
OF A FUTURE GUARANTEED BY GOD.

One of the most reassuring aspects of Biblical hope is that it is not sourced in my works. Peter highlights that our hope is founded in Christ's mercy (v.3), received freely as an inheritance (v. 4), and guarded by God's power (v. 5). This reality reminds me that when life gets hectic and hard, the trials and troubles of this world don't even come close to touching my salvation. Peter also describes this hope as "living" which means it is having an effect on my life today. It has the ability to lift my spirit, change my perspective and embolden my faith today! While salvation guarantees an eternity of intimacy with our Creator, it provides motivation and power to remain faithful in the face of suffering. It is a living hope because we serve a RISEN SAVIOR! — Pastor Pete

"The reason we follow Christianity is not because it's a better moral system; it's a way to balance and complete our families; or even that all our questions are answered. We believe it because it was revealed by Jesus as true. It was verified through an empty tomb. If Jesus was raised from the dead, it changes everything." JD Greear

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in *the* last time. ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which perishes though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ⁸and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹obtaining as the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1. What do you see about hope in this passage?

2. What does it teach us about God?

3. What does it teach us about man?

4. What should we do in light of this passage?