LIVING HOPE – A HOPE THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH

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- Peter Has Been Called The Apostle Of Hope
- The Theme Of 1st Peter Is: *Living Hope*
- Living Hope is A Christian Hope In The Time Of Trial
- With Hope -- Even In The Worst of Trials -- We Can Make It
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- A “Living Hope” Is...
  - A Hope That We Can Live With
  - A Hope That Carries Us On
  - A Hope That Gets Us Through What Ever Life Throws At Us
(1 Pet 1:1 NIV) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

1.) Who Is Peter?
2.) What Is His Background?
Peter Was One Of The Twelve Disciples Chosen By Jesus

(Mark 1:16 NIV) As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. (17) "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (18) At once they left their nets and followed him.
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- When Jesus Met Him Simon – He Got A New Name
  - (John 1:42 NIV) And he (Andrew) brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

- God Sees Us For What We Can Become Through His Power
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- There Is A Tremendous Before And After In Peter’s Life:
  - **Before**
  - Simon
  - Fisherman
  - Impulsive
  - **After**
  - Peter
  - Evangelist / Apostle
  - Rock Solid

- God Can Do The Same Great Change In You:
  - (1 Pet 2:5 NIV) you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
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- **One Event That Heavily Impacted His Life Was Holy Spirit Baptism:**
  - *(Luke 24:49 NIV)* I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
  
  - *(Acts 1:8 NIV)* But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
  
  - *(Acts 2:4 NIV)* All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
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(Acts 2:37-41 NIV) (37) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" (38) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." (40) With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." (41) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
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- Let’s Look At His Letter -- 1 Peter:
  - Paul = The Apostle Of Faith
  - John = The Apostle Of Love
  - Peter = The Apostle Of Hope

- When Peter Speaks About Hope He Speaks From Experience – Not Just In The Change – But Also, In What He Was Able To Endure For Christ
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1 Peter – Written In A Time When Persecution Threatened:

- They are in the midst of various trials (1 Pet 1:6 NIV)
- They are likely to be falsely accused as evil-doers (1 Pet 3:16 NIV)
- A fiery ordeal is going to try them (1 Pet 4:12 NIV)
- When they suffer, they are to commit themselves to God (1 Pet 4:19 NIV)
- They may well have to suffer for righteousness' sake (1 Pet 3:14 NIV)
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What Is Living Hope?

- Hope = A Favorable And Confident Expectation. It Has To Do With The Unseen And The Future
- "Hope" is The Happy Anticipation Of Good
- The Hope Of The World Is Uncertain
- The Living Hope That We Have Is Confident Expectancy
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- Where Does Living Hope Come From?

- 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV) (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,

- **Our Living Hope Comes From The New Birth**
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- **What Action Or Event It Is That Brings Us This Living Hope?**

- **1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)** (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,

- **The Only Thing To Base A Living Hope On Is A Living God**
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- **3 Things To Hope For**
- **A DESTINY TO DIRECT US – OUR UNFADING INHERITANCE**
- **1 Peter 1:3-5 (NIV)** (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--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.
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- **A FIRE TO REFINE US – OUR FAITH**
- **1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)** (6) In 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 your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

- Fire Burns Away The Junk & Leaves That Which Is Pure
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A GOAL TO UNITE US – SALVATION

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV) (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 goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hope’s Ultimate Result Is Our Salvation
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- A LIVING HOPE: HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?
  - Where There Is No Faith In The Future, There Is No Power In The Present
  - We Can’t Go On Without Hope
  - We Can Go Through Anything With Hope
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- A Living Hope Will Equip Us For Whatever Life Brings Us:

- 1 Peter 1:7 (NIV) (7) These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

- This World May Have It’s Fill Of Suffering – Yet The Body Of Christ (The Church) Is Filled With Brothers And Sisters Who Are Overcoming – WE HAVE A LIVING HOPE!