

## I Peter 1:3-5

### *The Lively Hope By The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ*

#### I. Introduction:

A. In our study of **I Peter 1:2**, we considered how Gentiles had a past wherein there was no hope (**Ephesians 2:12**).

1. Now, there is hope of glory among the Gentiles (**Colossians 1:25-27**).
2. That hope is in the final return of Christ (**Titus 2:13**).

B. In the past, Gentiles were known for idolatry (**I Corinthians 12:2** and **I Peter 4:3**).

1. There was/is no hope in idolatry (**Jeremiah 3:23**).
2. True hope is a “game changer” (**Psalms 42:11**).

II. Body: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (I Peter 1:3-5).*

A. Blessed [praise] be God the Father as He is the ultimate source even in regard to what Jesus came, did, and will do (**II Corinthians 1:3** and **Ephesians 1:3**).

1. Jesus came and was delivered up through the Father’s will (**Romans 8:31-32**).
2. Jesus came doing the will of the Father (**John 5:30** and **John 6:38**).
3. Jesus will come again through the will of the Father (**Acts 17:22-31**).
4. Think about what Jesus said to the Samaritan woman (**John 4:23-24**).
5. Think further about what Jesus said to His disciples (**John 14:28-31**).

B. Did you notice the definite article “the” in relation to “THE God” (**II Corinthians 11:31**; cf. **I Peter 5:10**)?

1. This doesn’t remove the fact that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are deity (**Romans 9:1-5** and **Acts 5:1-4**).
2. Jesus is called “the Son” (**I John 5:12**), but that doesn’t change the fact that faithful Christians are sons and daughters of God (**II Corinthians 6:14-18** and **I John 3:1**).
3. It is however an emphatic statement that we could all too quickly pass over or neglect to think about. The Father above is “THE GOD” (**Acts 5:30**, **Ephesians 4:1-6**, and **I Timothy 2:5**).
4. Think on that... **John 17:1-3** and **I Corinthians 8:6**

C. The abundant mercy of the Father (**Numbers 14:18**, **Psalms 145:8**, and **Isaiah 55:6-7**).

1. He delights in mercy (**Micah 7:18**).

2. We should think about what was stated about Judah during captivity because of their sinfulness (**Lamentations 3:22-24**; cf. **Nehemiah 9:24-31**).
  3. Jesus taught the Pharisees to go and learn mercy (**Matthew 9:9-13**).
  4. He wants us to be merciful as He is (**Luke 6:36**).
  5. If we are not merciful, He will not be towards us (**James 2:13**).
- D. The hope of life in the resurrection of Christ from the dead (**I Corinthians 15:1-22**).
1. Salvation, in part, is by hope (**Romans 8:24-25**).
    - a. We will address this later in this lesson a bit more and later in the context (**I Peter 1:9**), salvation is still ahead for us.
    - b. Hope has an ability to save us, in part, because of the motivator hope is (**I John 3:1-3**).
  2. On the other hand, hopelessness (**Job 7:1-11**) increases ungodliness (**Jeremiah 18:11-12**).
  3. This hope allows a perspective that the world does not have as faithful Christians do (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18**).
  4. These saints were given the anchor of hope (**Hebrews 6:13-20**) and we have the same through the Scriptures (**Psalms 130:5**, **Romans 15:4**, and **Colossians 1:23**).
- E. The eternal inheritance (**Matthew 25:31-46** and **Hebrews 9:11-15**).
1. An inheritance incorruptible (**I Corinthians 9:24-27**).
  2. An inheritance undefiled [unsoiled; pure] (**Psalms 11:4** and **John 14:1-3**).
  3. An inheritance that will not fade away (**I Peter 5:4**; cf. **II Corinthians 4:18-5:1**) like things in this can and do (**Matthew 6:19-21**).
  4. An inheritance that is reserved in Heaven (**II Timothy 4:6-8**).
  5. Promised before the world began (**Titus 1:1-3**).
  6. Looking for the mercy of our Lord unto eternal life (**Jude 1:21**).
- F. Guarded by the power of God through faith (**Galatians 3:8-9**).
1. The inheritance is safe (**John 10:15-29**).
  2. It is contingent on your faith (**II Timothy 1:8-12** and **Hebrews 6:9-12**).
  3. Without faith, you've have nothing to look forward to (**Hebrews 11:6**).
- G. Unto salvation that is to come in the last time (**I Peter 1:13**).
1. They/we are in the last time (**I Peter 1:18-20** and **I John 2:15-18**).
  2. Salvation is not yet fully realized (**Hebrews 9:27-28**).
  3. YES! We shall be saved (**Romans 5:8-11**).

III. Conclusion: Our next study: *“Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ”* (**I Peter 1:6-7**).