

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN: LIVING WITH JESUS

Week 1: Living With Hope

Key Scripture

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.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Main Takeaway

We have a living hope that can never be killed or taken away because we have a living Savior, Jesus. No matter what each day brings, there is always hope in Jesus and that hope is certain. Jesus WILL take care of us.

Start Talking:

What do you hope your life is like in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years?

Start Praying:

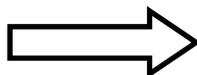
Dear Jesus, You give us hope in every situation. Hope that is certain! Hope for love, grace, healing, eternity. We love you. Amen.

Start Studying:

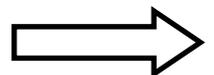
1. Read the Key Scripture.
2. What are the two things that Peter calls believers?
3. Why does He call us each of those things respectively?
4. What does sanctifying mean?
5. What does Peter say gives us hope? Why do you think that is?
6. What does Peter say suffering or hardship is doing for our faith?
7. But this isn't something to be self-righteous about: who is keeping both us and our heavenly inheritance in this living hope?

Start Applying:

1. When in life would it be important to remember that you are God's elect (that He chose us)?
2. When in life would it be important to remember that you are exiles belonging under God's rule and care?
3. We normally think of hope as something that can be dashed. What is different about Christian hope in Jesus? Why is this so important for living our daily life?
4. We normally think of 'holiness' as something we are or do: we be holy we are holy. But Peter (and the NT) gives us the deeper reality that we are "being made holy". How does this keep us out of a shame cycle? How does this keep us out of self-righteousness?
5. Look at all of these verses and make a list: what are all of the things Peter tells us we can live with because of Christ?
6. Keep that list and each day pray that God opens your eyes to see how he is equipping you with these things.



Fill out Biblical Equipping



Finish in Prayer:

Dear Jesus, you walk with us and our future is certain with you. Thank you for that hope. Amen.

NOTES

BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: