



A Living Hope 1Peter 1:3-5

I. What is Hope?

Defined – a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen

- to want something to happen or be true and think that it could happen or be true; to expect with confidence

Hebrews 11:1 ¹ Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

Moffett says “Now faith means we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see.”

II. Hope is necessary!

1. It is psychological

1 Corinthians 13:13

“Hope is linked with faith because faith is the ground of our hope and hope is the object of our faith.

Romans 15:4

Romans 15:13

III. ***Because God is merciful***

A. He is the giver of dependable hope

- Lamentations 3:22-24
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16

B. He gives us joy and peace

- Psalm 16:11
- Psalm 29:11
- John 16:33

C. It never ceases, it is constant

- 2 Chronicles 30:9

IV. *Because Jesus Lives!*

A. *The resurrection –*

- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20*
- Colossians 1:27*

B. *Jesus is a symbol of our Hope*

- 1 Thessalonians 1:3*
- 1 Timothy 1:1*

v. *Because of the nature of our inheritance -1Peter 1:4*

- A. *It is imperishable***
- B. *It is uncorrupted***
- C. *It is unfading***
- D. *It is kept in heaven***

“It is the absolute assurance that there is life after death” Billy Graham

vi. Because we are protected

It involves two things:

- 1. God's power***
- 2. Faith –we are kept by God's power because of our faith in Him.***

“The reason for my hope, found in God's salvation” Billy Graham

Conclusion

Why is it called a Living Hope?

- 1. Because it is necessary***
- 2. Because God is merciful***
- 3. Because Jesus is alive***
- 4. Because of the very nature of our inheritance***
- 5. Because it is kept safe***