

FULL^{OF} HOPE, FAR^{FROM} HOME

Study in 1 Peter

Sermon Title: "A Living (and Secure) Hope"

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-5

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Introduction: All good theology begins and ends in **doxology**. (1 Peter 1:3a)

God, in His mercy, gives every believer new **life.** (v. 3, John 3:3; 5:24)

- **Our new birth means an eternal **family** and a new identity.** (v. 3)

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:4c-6

- **Our new birth means a living hope, our new **reality**.** (v. 3)

Scriptures: 1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Peter 1:4

- **Our new birth means eternal **provision** in our eternal home.** (v. 4)

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:13-14

- **Our new birth means a divine **protection** until we arrive safely home.** (v. 4c-5)

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Titus 2:11, 13; 1 John 3:1-3

Conclusion: "In this you rejoice..." (v. 6, 3a, Jude 24-25)

Questions to Consider:

1. *Why doesn't theology always lead to doxology in our lives?*
2. *What does it mean to be "born again"?*
3. *What is the significance of the new birth for our identity?*
4. *Why does the certainty of our eternal inheritance matter?*
5. *Why is it important to understand that God's power strengthens our faith?*
6. *What assurance has God provided for the security of your salvation? In what way ought this assurance change how you live?*