

## A LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1:1-12

Key Verse: 1:3

**“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 ...”**

1. How did Peter identify himself (1a)? What do the words “God’s elect” and “exiles” tell us about them (1b)? How did they become God’s elect and for what purpose (2)? How did Peter bless them (2b)?
2. Read verses 3-4a. What does it mean that Peter praised God from the beginning? How did Peter view God (3a)? What has God given us? What is the significance of “new birth” (Jn 3:6; 2 Cor 5:17)? What characterizes “a living hope”?
3. What is the difference between inheritance in heaven and on earth (4a)? How does God help us until this inheritance is realized (5)? What does a living hope, an inheritance in heaven, mean to you?
4. How did the early Christians respond in the midst of trials (6,8)? What meaning could they find in their suffering (7)? What is the end result of suffering in Christ (7b,9)?
5. How did God make this salvation known (10-12)? What was the role of prophets and preachers? How does the progressive revelation of grace give assurance? What would the prediction of the Messiah’s sufferings and glory mean to early Christians?