LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

4 Reasons For Hope

1 Peter 1:3-12

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We Have Hope Because Of What God Has Done For Us In The Past

1 Peter 1:3

- Given us mercy
- Given us new birth
- Given us “Living Hope”
3 Truths to Live By

• God offers you mercy every day
• God offers you new life if you trust Him
• God offers hope regardless of circumstances
We Have Hope Because of What God Has Promised Us In The Future

• Inheritance
  ~Saved from Presence of Sin
  ~Our old body redeemed
  ~See Him and Know Him
3 Truths to Live By

- **What you have today...isn’t finished!**
- **What you see today...isn’t all there is**
- **What is waiting for you...will never be lost**
We Have Hope Because Of What God Is Doing In Our Lives Today

We WERE saved from the PENALTY of Sin
We WILL BE saved from the PRESENCE of sin
We ARE BEING saved from the POWER of Sin
We Have Hope Because Of What God Is Doing In Our Lives Today

How We Are “Being Saved” From Sin Today

- Shielded by His Power
- Encouraged by His Purpose
  - We are being refined
  - Our faith is being proved
  - Our actions bring glory to Christ
2 Truths to Live By

• God is present in WHATEVER you face
• God has a REASON for what comes
We Have Hope Because Knowing God Adds Eternal Meaning To Our Struggles

• We are not serving ourselves only
  
  (It isn’t always about US!)

• God uses our struggles for good
Come Pray if...

- Your Past isn’t forgiven
- You aren’t confident of your future
- You need help and strength for today
- You need perspective on God’s work