

# **Easter - Our Living Hope**

Text: 1 Peter 1:1-5

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## **I. THE BASIS FOR LIVING HOPE**

- A. God's abundant mercy
  - 1) God's mercy is eternal (*Ps. 103:17*)
  - 2) God's mercy is boundless (*Ps. 108:4*)
  - 3) God's mercy makes salvation possible (*Tit. 3:5-7 / Lam. 3:22-23*)
- B. God's anointed message
  - 1) The gospel (*Rom. 1:16 / 1 Cor. 15:1-4*)
  - 2) The great promises of God (*2 Pet. 1:4*)
- C. God's awesome miracle - the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
  - 1) The resurrection confirms Christ's divinity (*Mark 8:31 / John 10:18*)
  - 2) The resurrection confirms Christ's victory over death, hell, and the grave
  - 3) The resurrection shows that God accepted Jesus' death as an adequate payment for sin

## **II. THE BLESSINGS OF LIVING HOPE**

- A. Salvation for all who put their trust in Jesus
- B. Assurance
- C. No condemnation
- D. No fear of death
- E. Assurance of the believer's bodily resurrection (*1 Cor. 6:14*)
- F. A secure, incorruptible, undefiled, and eternal inheritance kept in heaven (*1 Pet. 1:4*)
- G. Eternal security in Christ (*1 Pet. 1:5*)