

# **Our Special Inheritance (1 Peter 1:1-5)**

**Finding Hope in a  
Hopeless World**

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- **Your special identity** (1 Peter 1:1-2)
  - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.
- **Your special inheritance** (1 Peter 1:3-5)
  - 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, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

# 1 Peter: The Book of Hope

- The word 'Hope' in 1 Peter
  - In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).
  - Set your **hope** on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming (1 Peter 1:13).
  - You believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and **hope** are in God (1 Peter 1:21).
- Hope (elpis)
  - A confident expectation: A certain anticipation of future blessings
  - It isn't a mere wish but a confident certainty grounded in the historical reality of Christ's death and resurrection, which guarantees forgiveness of sins and future glorification.
- Why we need hope?
  - It provides strengths in suffering.
  - It serves to anchor believers during difficult times.
  - Hope in Christ is central to the Christian faith.

# Doxology

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- Doxology: Praise and glory to God
    - Doxa (glory) + logos (a speaking): A prayer or statement of praise and glory to God
    - **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 Peter 1:3).
    - For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen (Romans 11:36)
    - For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen (Matthew 6:13).
    - Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen (1 Timothy 1:17).
  - Doxology (praise to God)
    - It is a call to worship God who has promised us eternal joy and blessing in the future, which will be revealed a living hope.

# Doxology: Living Hope in Jesus

- Living hope is ever-present because Jesus is alive
  - New birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3b).
  - Living hope is a sure, confident future that is grounded in the reality of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead.
  - If there is no resurrection, there's no new birth; and if there's no new birth, there's no hope. Therefore, no resurrection, no hope.
  - Because I live, you also will live (John 14:19b).
  - I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).
- Living hope leads the inheritance in heaven for us
  - Dying hope (in earthly possession, temporary achievement) vs. Living hope (eternal, never fade, corrupt or be taken away).
  - New life: The resurrection offers believers a new spiritual life and the promise of a future resurrection of their own bodies.
  - Eternal life: It serves as a guarantee of eternal life for those who trust in Jesus, a hope that transcends death itself.

# What is the Inheritance?

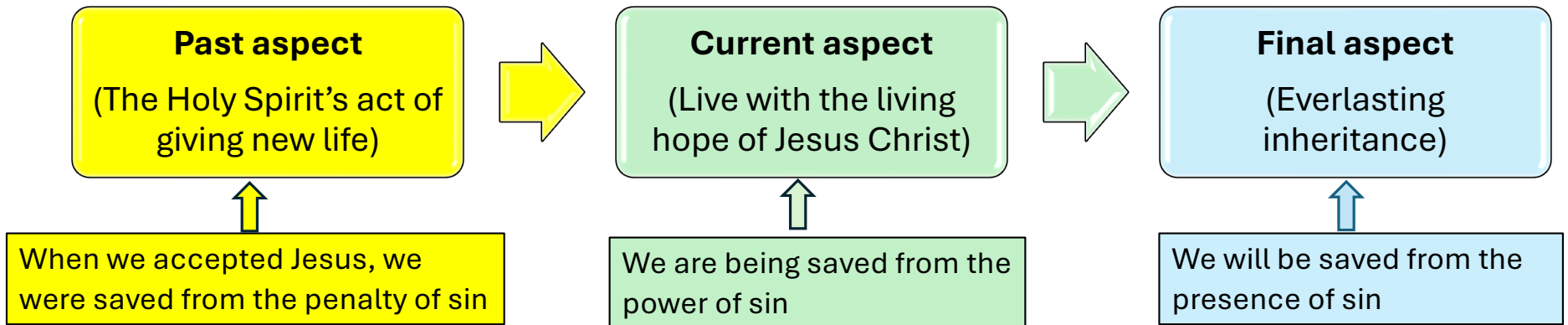
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- We obtain an inheritance
    - Into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:4).
    - We have a guaranteed reserved future that God has already determined and established (the inheritance).
    - The inheritance in the Old Testament: The promised land (but 470 years passed from the time God promised the land to Abraham until Joshua led the Israelites to take it).
  - Characteristics of our inheritance
    - We have not received the inheritance yet, but it is reserved for us.
    - Your best life is to come in the future. Your next life is your best life.
    - I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people (Ephesians 1:18).

# The Nature of our Inheritance

- Its source is God
  - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus (1 Peter 1:3a).
  - God has caused us to be born again to a living hope.
  - For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God (1 Peter 1:23).
- Its motive is mercy
  - In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3b).
  - This inheritance is from God; not we deserve it (Mercy).
- Its nature is unchanging
  - Into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade (1 Peter 1:4a).
  - The security of our inheritance: It is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away.
  - All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever (1 Peter 1:24-25).

# The Nature of our Inheritance

- Its means is regeneration
  - Through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5).
  - Christians are continually protected by the immense power of God through their faith, until the ultimate salvation is revealed in the last day
- It is the final aspect of our salvation





# For you!!!

- This inheritance is kept in heaven **for you** (1 Peter 1:4b)
  - All the inheritance is for **YOU!!!**
  - It is a gift, not a reward! It is reserved in heaven.
  - How is it received? Through Jesus, through faith!
- The foundation
  - Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the foundation of this new spiritual life and the assurance of this living hope.
- A guarantee
  - His resurrection serves as a promise and a guarantee for you that you will also experience resurrection and eternal life.
- Participation with Christ
  - You participate in Christ's resurrection through faith, becoming connected to Him and receiving the benefit of His victory over death.