

BORN TO A LIVING HOPE



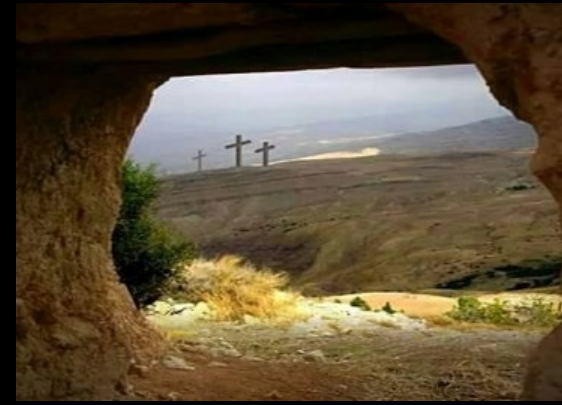
I PETER 1:3-9

**I. By His mercy, God caused
us to be born to a living hope
(I Peter 1:3).**



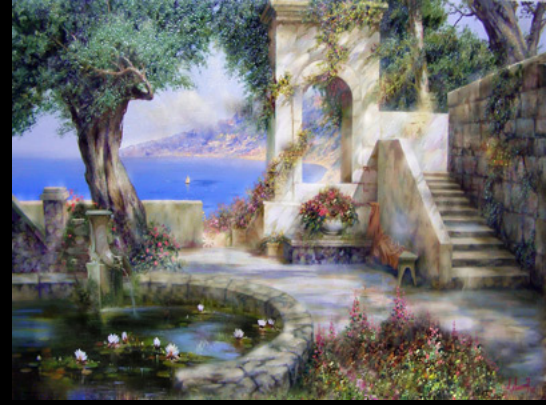
- **Why is it so important to know that our hope comes from God's mercy?**
- **How empty would salvation be without the joy that comes from a living hope?**

II. The means by which we were born to a living hope was the resurrection (v.3).



- **Where is the anchor of our salvation (Hebrews 6:19) firmly held?**
- **What do we need to do so that our hope in the resurrection is more firm?**

III. Our birth to a living hope allows an amazing, well-guarded inheritance (v.4-5).



- How amazing is the inheritance for which we hope?
- What is it about the inheritance that is being guarded?
- Why is it important that our hope trusts in the perfect timing of God?

IV. Our living hope allows us to rejoice through refining trials (I Peter 1:6-7).



- How can hope allow us to rejoice through various trials?
- What is the outcome of our faith, that has been tested and refined?

V. Our living hope allows us the inexpressible joy of seeing Christ (v.8-9).



- How can we develop a hope that loves our unseen Savior more intensely?
- What can you do so that others would describe your joy as being inexpressible?

Call to Action: To do those things that will strengthen our living hope.



- How does the sacrifice of Jesus fill you with hope?
- How surely is your hope based on the resurrection of Jesus?
- How do you describe your indescribable hope?
- How can you grow a hope that will rejoice through trials?
- How many more people this year will describe your joy as being inexpressible?

-How can we help?