

FIRST PETER The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 4

1:3-5— “The Christian’s Living Hope”—March 15, 2015

“The view from the End will be very different from our present view. That is why we are called to live our now in faith and hope: faith in the God who already can see how things look from the end, firm hope in the God whose justice is unassailable and whose promises never fail.” — D.A. Carson, How Long O Lord?

The Christian’s Election and Exile—1 Peter 1:1-2

‘Elect’— [*eklektos*]— “Picked out, selected, chosen”

- The *basis* of our election → “...the foreknowledge of God the Father...”
- The *means* of our election → “...in the sanctification of the Spirit...”
- The *purpose* of our election → “...for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood.”

‘Exiles’—[*parepidēmos*]— An exile, a stranger, a pilgrim, a foreigner.

- Many of these Christians were exiles in a *literal* sense.
 - ⇒ Many were Jews while others were God-fearing Gentiles as well as those who had come to Christ from a pagan background.
- Peter’s primary use of the term exile is intended to be taken in a *figurative* or *metaphorical* sense.

The Christian’s Living Hope—1 Peter 1:3-5

More than a Blessing: “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!*”

- The Christian comes to properly view God’s sovereign authority when God is understood as _____.
 - ⇒ The sovereignty of God must not be viewed simply in terms of rote _____.
 - ⇒ The relationship between God the Father and Jesus the Son helps to color the Christian’s understanding of the Fatherhood of God.
 - Jesus is the *beloved* Son (John 3:35; 5:20)
 - Jesus is the *only begotten* Son (John 1:14; 1 John 4:9)
 - Jesus is the *firstborn* (Col. 1:18; Heb. 1:6)
 - Jesus is *begotten* of the Father (Matt. 1:20; Acts 13:33)

“Living Hope” “*According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ...*”

[*elpis*]— “Hope”— “A joyful and confident expectation”

[*zao*]— “Living”— “_____” —This adjective expresses the quality of the hope.

What is our living hope? That “...*he has caused us to be born again ...*”

The Basis for the Christian’s Living Hope:

“According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again ...through the resurrection of Jesus Christ ...”

- The _____ of the Father
 - ⇒ Born again, _____ The Christian’s present experience.
- The _____ of Jesus
 - ⇒ Born again, _____ The Christian’s future experience.

The Content of the Christian's Living Hope:

"...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. "

An _____:

⇒ This is much more than an inheritance from a family, it is everlasting!

- *Imperishable*— It cannot be ravaged by _____.
- *Undefiled*— It cannot be stained by _____.
- *Unfading*— It cannot be altered by the passing of _____.

⇒ This is an inheritance that is kept for us in heaven, but we are also kept for it. This is the _____ that God offers to Christians. (John 10:28; Eph. 1:13-14)

⇒ This inheritance is guarded through faith. The blessings God has in store for us as well as the protection that He offers can only be obtained by _____.

"Why does God use faith as the instrument of His keeping power? Because faith is not our achievement, but trust in God's achievement." —Edmund Clowney

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⇒ Peter's summary term for God's mercy, our rebirth, and our inheritance is simply the word "salvation."

⇒ The focus here is on the future experience of the Christian: _____