

## OUR CHRISTIAN HOPE 1 Peter 1:1-9

### **INTRODUCTION:**

**A. 1 Peter is a New Testament Epistle (Letter), specifically classified as a “General Epistle” or “Catholic Epistle.” Peter addressed this Epistle to the Jewish Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor who were suffering for their faith in Christ.**

- **“<sup>7</sup>That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ” (1 Pet 1:7).**

**In this message, we will meditate on four aspects of Our Christian Hope:**

- I. THE SOURCE OF OUR HOPE (v. 3; 1 John 4:10; 1 John 3:1)**
  - A. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Source of our Hope.**
  - B. The Giving of The Living Hope – “Lively Hope” of eternal life (v. 3; John 3:3; 1 Cor 15:3-4).**
  
- II. THE NATURE OF OUR HOPE (vv. 4-5; Eph 1:11; Rom 8:17)**
  - A. A Description Of Our Inheritance (v. 4; Col 1:12; 3:24)**
  - B. We Will Receive The Living Hope of Eternal Life and Our Inheritance (v. 5; Titus 1:2; 1 Pet 1:16)**
  
- III. THE PURPOSE OF OUR HOPE (vv. 6-7)**
  - A. The Command to “Greatly Rejoice” (v. 6)**
  - B. “Though Now For A Season” - A Little While (2 Cor 4:17; Heb 13:5)**
  - C. Suffering serves to refine Faith, which is more precious than gold, proving Genuine Faith (v. 7).**
  
- IV. THE JOY OF OUR HOPE (vv. 8-9)**

Even without seeing Jesus, we experience “Inexpressible” (unspeakable) Joy through Faith.

  - A. Though you have not seen Jesus, you love Him (v. 8a; Matt 22:37-38)**
  - B. Though you do not see Jesus now, you believe in Him (8b; Heb 11:1)**
  - C. Rejoice with an Inexpressible and Glorious Joy (v. 8c; Ps 16:11)**
  - D. When We All Get To Heaven**

### **CONCLUSION:**

**A. Our Christian Hope is in The Lord Jesus Christ. He is The Source of Our Hope, The Nature of Our Hope, The Purpose of Our Hope, and The Joy of Our Hope.**

**B. Love The Unseen Christ**

**C. ABC’s of Salvation**

- **A – Admit that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).**
- **B – Believe that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).**
- **C – Confess/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)**

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**