

## BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE.

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Read: Peter 1:3-9

### Ephesians 2:12-Passion

...you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.

#### 1. Our born-again experience brings us a living hope and lasting hope.

Verse 3 - we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Hope – *an anticipation (expectation) with pleasure, confidence, trust... “to expect with desire.”*

*We are expectantly, patiently waiting for God to do what He says He will do.*

Expectant hope “is closely linked with ‘faith and trust’ and results in ‘patient waiting.’ True faith results in Hope.

NKJV...Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, (Heb. 11:1)

GW - ... Faith assures us of things we expect...

Williams - ...Now faith is the *assurance* of the things we hope for,

Passion - ...Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for.

### 1 Timothy 1:1

From Paul, an apostle in Christ Jesus, for it was *Jesus himself, our living hope*, who sent me as his servant by the command of God, our life-giver.

#### 2. Our born-again experience brings us hope of an eternal inheritance.

Verse – 4 We are reborn into a perfect inheritance that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you!

#### 3. Our born-again experience will bring us hope for our complete deliverance when Jesus returns.

5 Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time.

#### 4. It’s our hope in Christ Jesus that keeps us going through the difficulties of life.

### Psalm 119:81-GW

My soul is weak from waiting for you to save me. My hope is based on your word.

We know until Christ returns, that the believer will go through testing.

6 May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you’ve had to put up with the grief of many trials.

7 But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. *Your authentic faith* will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.

In verse 6 – Peter is talking about the believers suffering difficulties and persecutions.

Amplified bible - *though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations,...*

NKJB - *though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,...*

Living Bible - So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here.

In verse 7 – Peter compares *the trial of our faith to the testing of gold. The word “trial” means “approval.”*

Verse 8-9- You love him passionately although you did not see him, but through believing in him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy, indescribably sublime and immersed in glory.

9 For *you are reaping the harvest of your faith*—the full salvation promised you—your souls’ victory!