

Living Hope

Resurrection Hope #2 – Pastor Gary Combs – 4/20/14 Easter Sunday – 1 Peter 1:3-5

1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV) ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

HOW TO KNOW THIS LIVING HOPE:

1. Believe its basis in the past: _____.

Romans 10:9 (ESV) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 3:3 (ESV) Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 (ESV) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

2. Rest in its present nature: _____.

1 Peter 1:4 (NKJV) to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV) ..."Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

3. Focus on its future object: _____.

Titus 2:13 (KJV) Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ

Hebrews 10:23 (ESV) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.