

# Living Hope

**Pastors Gary Combs - 4/9/23 Easter Sunday - 1 Peter 1:3-5**

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

## HOW TO HAVE LIVING HOPE IN CHRIST:

### 1. Anchor your hope in Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (ESV) <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NLT) <sup>19</sup> This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. <sup>20</sup> Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

### 2. Rest your hope on Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

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

### 3. Focus your hope on Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:3 (ESV) I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.