

Living Hope

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A. The Mercy of God

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

C. Results of the Living Hope

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1 Peter 1:3

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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Hebrews 4:16

¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive **mercy** and **find grace** to help in time of need.

A. The Mercy of God

1. God's great mercy causes Christians to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. God's mercy allows Christians to find grace in their time of need.

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

1. Comes from God

Psalm 43:5

⁵ Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

2. It is a gift by grace.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

3. Is defined by Scripture

Romans 15:4

⁴ For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

4. Is a reasonable reality

1 Peter 3:5

⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

5. Is secured by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

John 11:25-26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

5. Is secured by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

John 14:19

¹⁹ "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

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1 Cor. 15:17-21

¹⁷ and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If we have **hoped in Christ** in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

²⁰ But now **Christ has been raised from the dead**, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

²¹ For since by a man **came death**, by **a man also came the resurrection of the dead.**

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

6. Is confirmed in the Christian by the Holy Spirit

Romans 15:13

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

7. Defends the Christian against Satan's attacks

1 Thessalonians 5:8

⁸ But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

B. Attributes of the Living Hope

8. Is confirmed through trials

Romans 5:3-5

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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C. Results of the Living Hope

1. Produces a blessing

Psalm 146:5-6

⁵ How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

C. Results of the Living Hope

2. Is fulfilled in Christ's return

Titus 2:13

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

C. Results of the Living Hope

3. Living hope will obtain eternal life

1 Peter 1:4-5

⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

C. Results of the Living Hope

3. The living hope will obtain eternal life.

Titus 1:1-2

1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the **faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,**

2 **in the hope of eternal life,** which **God**, who cannot lie, **promised long ages ago,**

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