

A Living Hope (1 Peter 1:1-12)

The experience of a living hope begins with our new

_____.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. (vv. 1-2)

The foundation of a living hope is our _____ Savior.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (vv. 3-5)

2 practical implications of a living hope:

1) We may live with _____ even when experiencing _____.

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (vv. 6-9)

2) We are privileged to _____ and _____ the gospel. (vv. 10-12)

Crossroads Mission Partner Update: Please be praying for April Hershberger who is returning to Kenya to resume her ministry with World Gospel Mission.

Recently the Crossroads leadership board made the following decisions:

- *increase our level of monthly support to Second Chance Haiti
- * Begin supporting World Partners missionaries Norris and Angela Ham who are serving in Cairo, Egypt. The Hams are seeking to reach Muslims with the Gospel and they are currently ministering to refugees.

Text To Give: Crossroads has set up text to give for your convenience. Simply text your giving amount to (863) 270-2070. You will be redirected to our secure online giving site to set up your account. Once you have finished setting up your account you can text your tithe by simply entering the dollar amount and hitting send.

Online giving is available at www.thexroads.org/donate Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of Crossroads!

Staff Transition: On Sunday, August 23, Crossroads will be recognizing Kevin Berry and thanking him for his staff ministry at Crossroads. Kevin, along with his family, will still be a part of the Crossroads family, but Kevin will be focusing his time in the counseling ministry as he works with Family Life Counseling full-time. Nathan Smith will be stepping into a part-time Associate Pastor staff position at Crossroads to provide leadership for the youth ministry as well as helping to fill other pastoral needs (preaching, counseling, etc.). Nathan teaches Middle School Bible classes at Winter Haven Christian School and he has previous pastoral ministry experience at other churches. Thank you, Kevin, and welcome, Nathan!

Do you have a prayer request? You can email requests to crossroads@thexroads.org

Services on Campus at Crossroads! We are now offering two identical one-hour services (9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Families will worship together, no children's ministry or childcare will be offered.

New teaching series starting Sunday, August 16: *A Living Hope* (a study of 1 Peter)

Study books for the 1 Peter teaching series are available online at amazon.com or christianbook.com: Life Lessons from 1 and 2 Peter, 2018 Edition by Max Lucado

Children's Ministry Update: Crossroads is planning to resume Sunday children's ministry on August 30. Children will sit with their parents for the worship music portion of the service and then be dismissed for an age-appropriate time of worship and teaching. **Please note:** Children's Ministry will only be offered during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Pathfinders Student Ministry: Meets on Wednesdays @ 7p.m. at Crossroads.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

August 9, 2020

General Fund: \$ 3,941

Weekly amount needed to make

2020 General fund budget: \$4,000

Monthly financial reports are available
at the Welcome Center.

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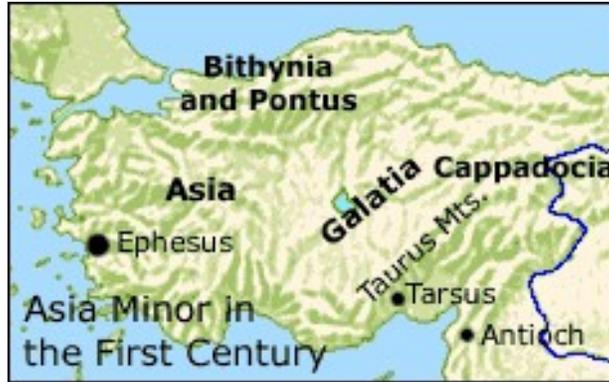
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1 Peter: Background Information



Author of 1 Peter: Peter (originally Simon), the Apostle, who was a fisherman when he was first called to follow Jesus in a life of discipleship:

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. (Mark 1:16-18)

Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter (which means "Rock"):

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:13-18)

Recipients of 1 Peter: Christian (primarily Gentile, but also Jewish Christians) "exiles" scattered throughout Asia Minor.

Date of 1 Peter: The letter was probably written around AD 64 from Rome.

Context of the letter: Increasing persecution of the church.

Purpose of the letter: Serves as a "discipleship manual" for how to live as a follower of Jesus Christ in a hostile environment.

"Discipleship Manual" Material

- *what it means to live as an "exile" and "foreigner" in the world*
- *living out our identity in Jesus Christ*
- *experiencing the hope and joy of Christ in challenging times*
- *pursuing holiness*
- *Christ the Lamb, the living Stone, the Chief Shepherd of the sheep*
- *the Christian's relationship with government*
- *behavior in the Christian household (husbands and wives)*
- *suffering for Christ*
- *church leadership and relationships within the church*