1 Peter Series - A Living Hope

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1 Peter 1:3-4

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Introduction:

A. “While there’s _______, there’s ______.”
B. We have a living _______ because we have a living ______.
C. Peter wants to encourage us all to be _________.

I. The Writer

A. “Peter, an _________ of Jesus Christ” (1:1)
B. Peter’s given name was _________, “Peter” was a ____________
given to him by _________. It meant “________” or “_________.”
C. Notice that _______ was working with Peter to make this letter available.
D. Peter also mentioned ______, his son.
E. Peter wrote this letter “at Babylon” - which was ________.

II. The Recipients

A. This letter was meant for God’s “_______” - His “_________”
B. Those chosen…“according to the _________ of God the Father”
C. Those chosen…“through the sanctifying work of the ________”
D. Those chosen…“to be __________ to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood.”
E. They are not only the elect, they are “________ in the _______”
F. When we became Christians, our true country became __________ (Phil. 3:20)
G. The most important thing we know about the recipients is that they were going through a time of _________.
H. Persecution in the early church occurred sporadically almost since the _________, but it was first sanctioned under _______.

III. The Message

A. First Peter is a letter of ____________.
B. The themes of ___________, _________, and ________ run throughout the letter.
C. The living hope to which we have been called is more than just a “_______ so,” it is a “_______ so.”
D. Let’s allow our faith to enable us, in the face of suffering, to ______ it, face it, work through it, and eventually ________ it.