



Easter People Have a Living Hope

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I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. Philippians 3:10

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. 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Hope means that God is in charge of life and my life and no matter what happens He loves me and is seeing me through it and it will be OK.

Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

Jesus died once for our sins. An innocent person died for those who are guilty. He did this to bring you to God. 1 Peter 3:18

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Romans 8:31-32

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Read 1 Peter 1:3.

What is a "living hope"? Why do you think Peter mentions this as important? How does Jesus' resurrection give us hope?

Why do 'pious platitudes' fail to provide hope?

We talked about hope and Romans 8 is a pretty hopeful chapter in the Bible. Look at verses 28-39. Note all the things that we can be hopeful for, which one stands out to you?

Is there anything in your life that seems to be "beyond hope" right now? What is it and is it getting harder to hope for it?

Pray together and support each other!

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