



INTRODUCTION

The Jewish believers that Peter is writing to have been scattered throughout Asia-Minor (modern day Turkey) and are experiencing difficult persecution. Without a sure anchor they would be carried away by the stormy trials of life. As modern day believers how will we be preserved through our tough present circumstances and also continue to engage, love, honour and transform our city in the face of trials and challenging opposition?

1. An Anchor of Hope (Partakers in the Divine Nature) vv 3-5

- a) Peter blesses God for His mercy and how He causes men to be born again. What other basis might we have held on to for everlasting life had we not heard of this resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- b) Does everlasting life seem within reach to you? How is this made possible?
- c) In what ways is the hope different from any that we can have in this world?

2. Their Present Circumstance (Hope in the Divine Approval) vv 6-9

- a) The believers Peter wrote to faced suspicion and social ostracism being followers of Christ. What in our society or in your life right now make it seem like the promises of everlasting life are all just a dream and a false hope?
- b) Looking at their example in what manner do the trials serve to help remind us of our hope in Christ?

3. Our Privileged Position (vv10-13)

This deliverance is still unheard of in a sense that it seems too simple to believe yet is such that prophets of old who spoke of it by God's leading and angels longed to see how this works.

- a) Who is out there known to us that might not know about this salvation?
- b) How will I engage if I ignore the people around me? Neighbour, Colleague, Store attendant, Child, Parent...etc
- c) What questions or answers do they seek looking at you and I as believers in the hope of Christ?

CONCLUSION

In Christ we have a sure hope that anchors our soul. Let's not put our hope in politics, our appearance, our youthfulness, our spouse, our career, or even our church, let us "set our hope fully on the grace that is to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ".

A living hope.....is a hope that you can live in.

PRAYER