

EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING

1 Peter 1:3-9

- The past push of our living hope is the **HISTORICAL RESURRECTION** of Jesus from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*
- The future pull of our living hope is our guaranteed **INHERITANCE** when Jesus returns. *1 Peter 1:4-5*
- The present reality of our living hope is a joyful **RELATIONSHIP** with our unseen Savior—even amidst **GRIEVOUS** trials. *1 Peter 1:6-9*



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. Why do you think Peter begins with praise when he knows his readers are suffering? What does that reveal about what he sees as most important?
2. In 1 Peter 1:3, what does it mean that we are “born again to a living hope”? How is this different from the way people normally think about hope?
3. What evidence for Jesus’ resurrection do you find most compelling and strengthening to your faith? Why? What questions do you have about the evidence for Jesus’ resurrection?
4. What situations in your life tend to drain your hope right now or at times past? In those moments, how can Jesus’ resurrection reshape the way you think or respond?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:4-5. What about the description of our inheritance excites you or encourages you? Why? How does it encourage you that not only is your inheritance kept for you, but you are kept for your inheritance?
6. Read 1 Peter 1:6-9. When, in your life, have you experienced the mix of grief and joy that Peter describes? Why were you able to have joy amidst grief? According to verse 7, what are our trials doing? (see also 2 Cor 4:16-18).
7. Read 1 Peter 1:8-9. In your life right now, where do you need hope? How can relationship with Jesus meet that need? What does your current relationship with Jesus actually look like—not ideally, but honestly?
8. Looking at the whole passage—our hope is rooted in the past (resurrection), secured in the future (inheritance), and experienced in the present (relationship of joy in trials): Which of those feels weakest or hardest for you right now? What would it look like to lean into that this week?

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now... Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle