

EASTER

Living Hope

Jesus Christ Our Living Hope

1 Pet. 1:3-5

I. The Living Hope That We Have As Believers In Christ (3)

1. Biblically, hope is a certainty about what will occur in the future

a. it is more than a wish or desire for something to occur

b. it is waiting with expectation for something we are sure of

2. We have hope because we are joined to a living Person: Jesus

a. He was first put to death on a cross

(1) He died to free us from the penalty of our sins - Heb. 9:15

(2) it was necessary for His death to come first - Heb. 9:16-17

b. He was raised out of death and is alive forever - Rom. 6:9-10

c. because He lives, we shall live also - John 14:19

3. We are certain of a glorious eternal inheritance (4)

4. We are safely guarded by God until we receive it (5)

II. How We Receive This Living Hope (3)

1. It is through the mercy of God - we don't deserve it

2. It is given to us through the experience of a new birth

3. It is God who creates this new birth experience in us

III. Our Reaction Because We Have This Living Hope: PRAISE!

*Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!*