

Who Are You Hoping In?

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1 Peter 1:3-16

REASON 1: Praise be to God the Father for His great mercy. Vv. 3-9

1. He caused us to be born again to a living hope. v. 3b
2. He called us to an inheritance that is: imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. v. 4
3. He has called us by His power and by that power He is guarding us through faith. v. 5

Three results from the power guarding us through faith

- a. In this you rejoice, even though you are being tried. v. 6
- b. Genuineness of your faith is tested through trials and it will be found to result in the praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. v. 7
- c. Last result of that power and faith is the love you have for whom you have not seen. v. 8-9 (encouraging)

REASON 2: Praise be to God the Father for His great promises. Vv. 10-12

Four assurances of those promises

1. Prophets prophesied about the grace to be revealed of which they searched and inquired carefully. v. 10
2. Inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ was indicating. v. 11
3. It was revealed that they were not serving themselves, but you (us). v. 12a
4. This salvation or the promises have been preached to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. v. 12b

REASON 3: Praise be to God the Father for the sure hope we have in His great mercy and His promises. Vv. 13-16

Peter gives 5 preparations

1. Preparing your minds for action. v. 13a
2. Being sober-minded. v. 13b
3. Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. v. 13c
4. Do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance. v. 14
5. Be Holy as He is Holy. Hope should be in Christ so He is your holiness and righteousness before God. v. 15-16, Isaiah 6