

A LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1:1-9

(Read 1:1-2:3; 2:9-12; 3:15-17; 4:7-10; 5:1-4)

Key verses: 1:3-4

1. Who is Peter writing to and what was their situation (1:1,6; 2:11)? From God's perspective, who were they (1:1-2; 2:9-10)? Why was it important for them to know their true identity?
2. For what does Peter praise God (3-5)? How can we have a living hope? Why is it called "a living hope"? How is it different from hopes in this present life? What is the significance of having a living hope and how can we keep it?
3. How does a living hope inspire believers and affect their lives (cf. 1:6-9; 13-16; 1:22-2:3; 2:11-17; 3:15-17; 4:7-13; 5:1-4)? How do such lives influence those around them and change the world? What kind of hope do you have?