### **Prayer Requests**

### **Sermon Notes**

"Our Living Hope in Christ" 1 Peter 1:3-9

I. Jesus has secured a living inheritance

II. Jesus has secured a lavish inheritance

III. Jesus has secured a lasting inheritance

## Sermon Guide

#### 1 Peter 1:3-9



1 Peter 1:3-9 praises God for the "new birth" mercifully given to Christians. How did your life change when you encountered Christ?

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How have you seen others' lives change when they have encountered Christ?

Read <u>1 Peter 1:3-9</u>

- Which quality or aspect of God does Peter praise?
  Which qualities or aspects of God in particular cause you to give praise?
- 2. What does Peter mean by the "new birth" that God provides? (refer to John 3)
- 3. What is the Christian's inheritance?
- 4. What is God's power guarding us from? How aware are you of God's shielding power that Peter describes?
- What perspective does Peter give suffering in verses
  6-7? How does this perspective help you deal with past or current suffering in your life?

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#### 1 Peter 1:3-9



Peter praises God for the marvelous gift of salvation which gives us a "living hope." What or who do you hope in? Is your hope tied to Earth or to your eternal home?



What trials are you facing? Is your perspective of these trials marked by perseverance and joy, rooted in trust in your Living Hope? Or have you become bitter about your trials and hardships? If the latter, how can you change your perspective?

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Peter recognized that salvation changes everything. In spite of the persecution and hardships that faced his audience, Peter affirms their eternal identity and eternal inheritance through a new birth by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through faith, we too have access to this same eternal identity and eternal inheritance. Listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to "Living Hope" by Phil Wickham. Hallelujah to the One who set us free!