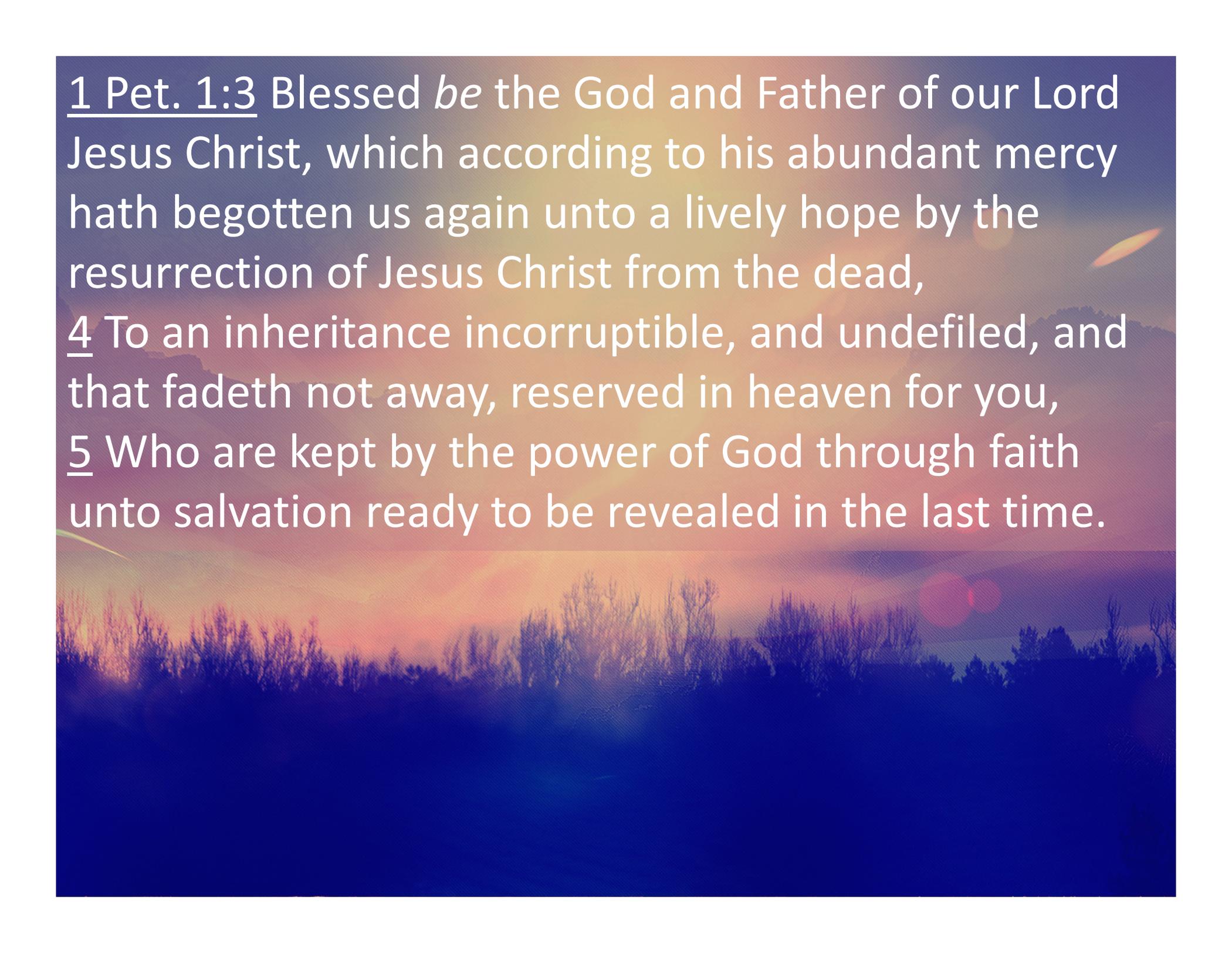


A sunset scene with a large sun partially obscured by a dark horizontal band. The sky is filled with rays of light and a color gradient from blue to orange. Below the band, there is a body of water reflecting the sunset, with silhouettes of trees and hills in the background.

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1 Pet. 1:3-5

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”



1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

The last year has been a confusing and controversial year. Each of us needs to take a step back and, by God's grace, **renew our strength, rebuild our steadfastness, and rekindle our spirit.**

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”

Three weeks ago, we began looking at this passage by considering that...

I. WE HAVE AN EXPECTANT HOPE

A. We Have an Expectant Hope of a Triumphant Exit from the Grave, 1:3

1. The Source of our Expectation, 1:3a “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...”
2. The Security of our Expectation, 1:3b-c
 - a. Guaranteed by a Superlative Mercy, 1:3b “...which according to his abundant mercy...”
 - b. Guaranteed by a Spiritual Miracle, 1:3c “...hath begotten us again unto a lively hope...”
3. The Substance of our Expectation, 1:3d “...by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

B. We Have an Expectant Hope of a Triumphant Entrance into Glory, 1:4

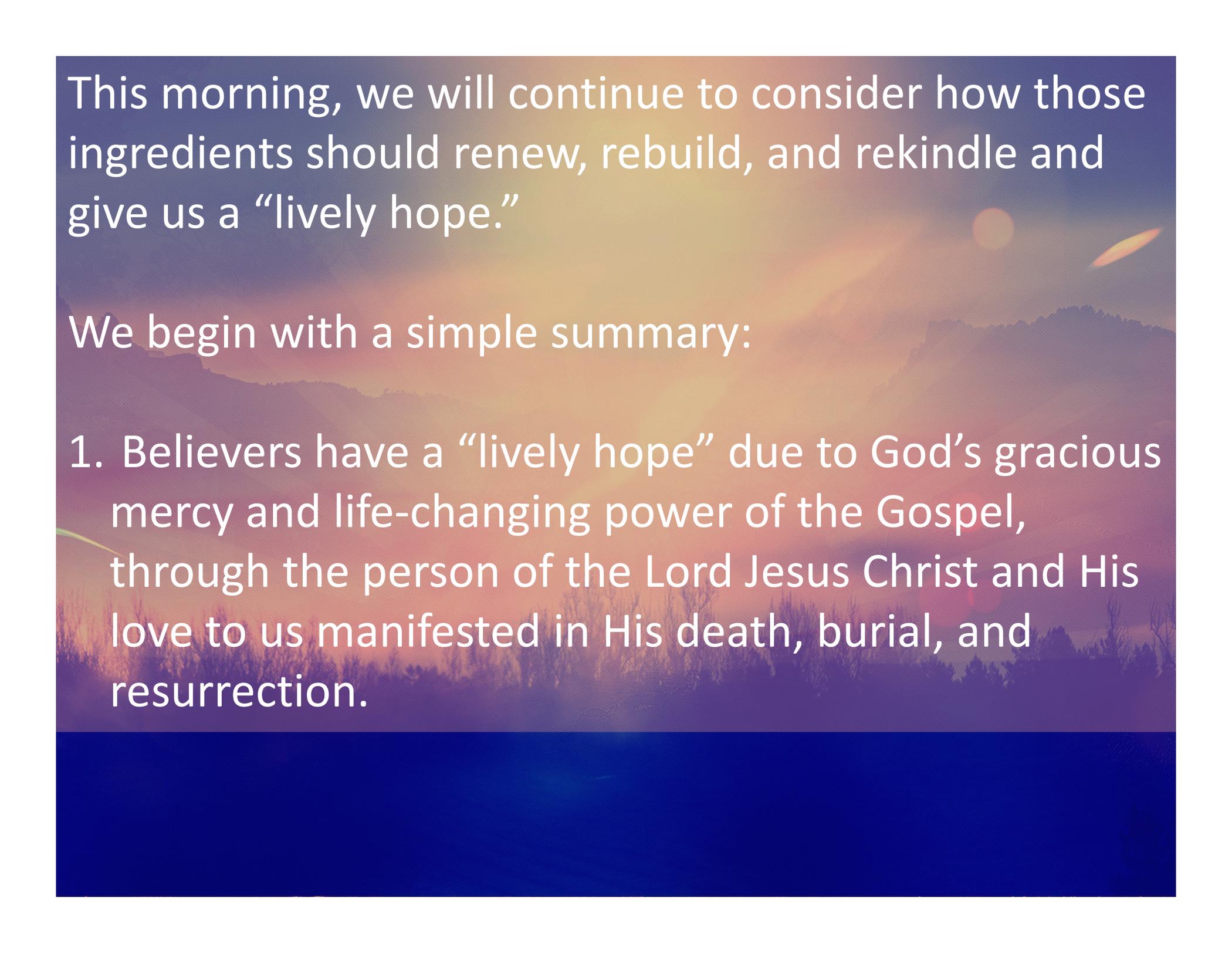
1. Revelations Have Been Made to Us, 1:4a-c

a. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Decay, 1:4a “To an inheritance incorruptible...”

b. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Defilement, 1:4b “...and undefiled...”

c. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Default, 1:4c “...and that fadeth not away...”

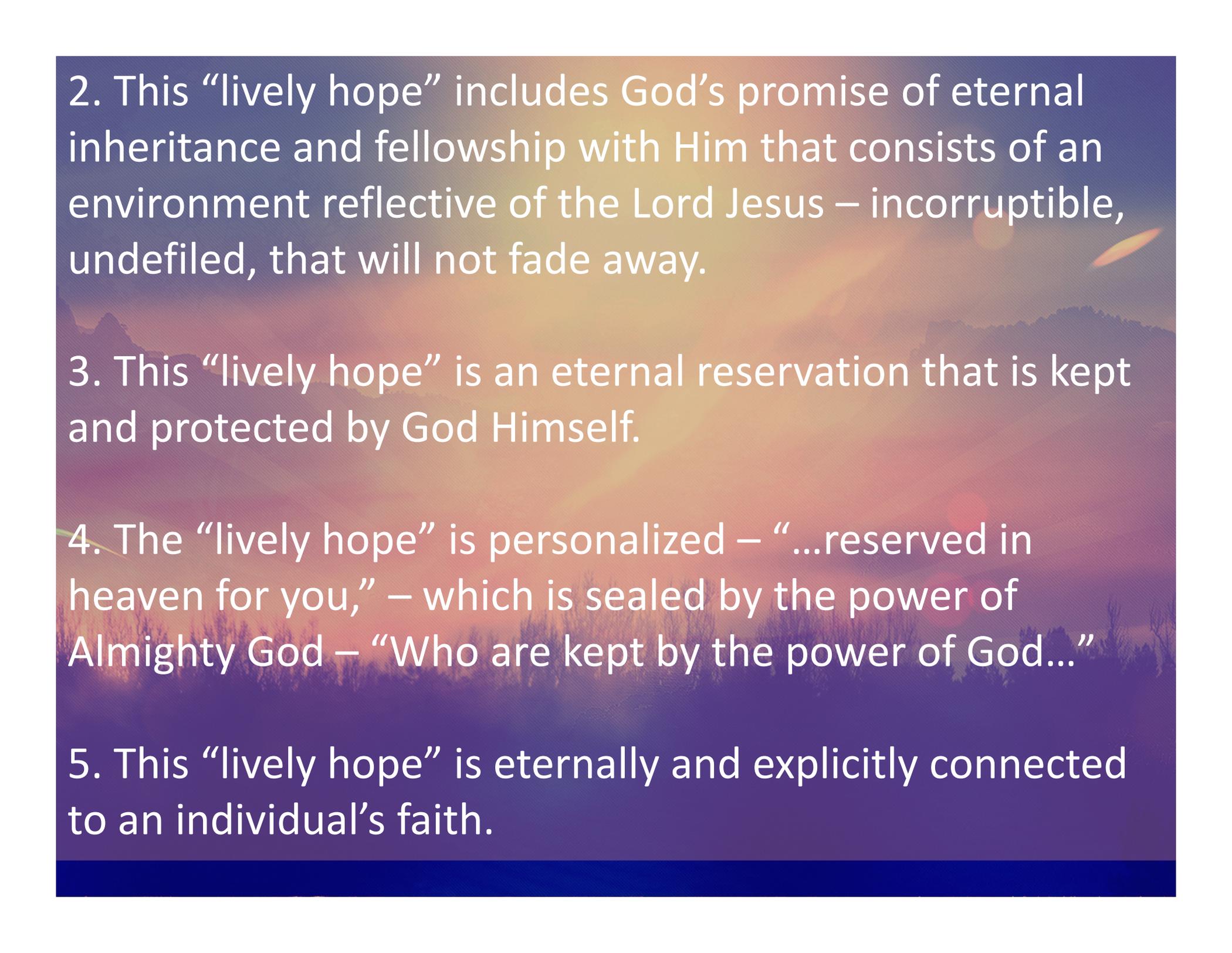
2. Reservations Have Been Made for Us, 1:4d “...reserved in heaven for you,”



This morning, we will continue to consider how those ingredients should renew, rebuild, and rekindle and give us a “lively hope.”

We begin with a simple summary:

1. Believers have a “lively hope” due to God’s gracious mercy and life-changing power of the Gospel, through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and His love to us manifested in His death, burial, and resurrection.



2. This “lively hope” includes God’s promise of eternal inheritance and fellowship with Him that consists of an environment reflective of the Lord Jesus – incorruptible, undefiled, that will not fade away.

3. This “lively hope” is an eternal reservation that is kept and protected by God Himself.

4. The “lively hope” is personalized – “...reserved in heaven for you,” – which is sealed by the power of Almighty God – “Who are kept by the power of God...”

5. This “lively hope” is eternally and explicitly connected to an individual’s faith.

- Salvation is much more than an “eternal fire insurance policy” – there are many other benefits:

Psa. 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and **forget not all his benefits:**

- Believers received God’s grace and a multitude of other blessings...
 - forgiveness of sins
 - eternal salvation
 - reconciliation to God

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- fellowship WITH God
 - imputation of the righteousness of Christ
 - justification
 - a Friend, closer than a brother
 - a Protector, Provider – our All in All
 - Our “lively hope” is an experiential hope that sees beyond the temporal side of life.

II. WE HAVE AN EXPERIENTIAL FAITH, 1:5-7

A. It Sees Beyond the Temporal Side of Life, 1:5

1 Pet. 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1. As to the Present, 1:5a – “Who **are** kept by the power of God through faith...”

- The present is temporal, like a vapor:

Jas. 4:14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow.
For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

- While living in the present, we must remind ourselves to focus upon the eternal.

2 Cor. 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet **the inward man is renewed day by day.**

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

18 While **we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.**

- Though the temporal may be uncertain, (pandemics come and go,) the future for a believer is steadfast and sure – “Who are kept...” – continually!

Original Word: φρουρέω

Transliteration: phroureó

Usage: I guard, keep, as by a military guard.

phrouréō (from *phrousos*, "a sentinel, guard") –

properly, to guard (keep watch) like a military sentinel; (figuratively) to actively display whatever defensive and offensive means are necessary to guard. <https://biblehub.com/greek/5432.htm>

2 Cor. 11:32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king **kept** the city of the Damascenes with a **garrison**, desirous to apprehend me:

- Like a military garrison, God “keeps” His children and provides not only protection, but a “lively hope” that the reservation in heaven is totally secure!
- To emphasize such security for our “lively hope,” the Holy Spirit moved the Apostle Peter to indicate that we are “kept by the power of God.”

Original Word: δύναμις

Transliteration: dunamis

Definition: (miraculous) power, might, strength

Usage: (a) physical power, force, might, ability, efficacy, energy, meaning (b) plur: powerful deeds, deeds showing (physical) power, marvelous works.

dýnamis (from *dýnamai*, "able, having ability") – properly, "ability to perform" (L-N); for the believer, *power* to achieve by applying the Lord's *inherent abilities*. "Power through God's ability" (*dýnamis*) is needed in every scene of life to really grow in sanctification and prepare for heaven (glorification). (*dýnamis*) is a very important term, used 120 times in the NT.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1411.htm>

Psa. 27:3 **Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:** though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

5 **For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:** in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psa. 34:7 The angel of **the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.**

- An example of God's protection is when the city was surrounded where Elisha was, and his servant was afraid.

2 Kings 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, **behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots.** And his servant said unto him, **Alas, my master! how shall we do?**

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, **LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.** And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, **behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

- The connection of the blessedness of the “lively hope” is....faith!

1 Pet. 1:5a “Who are kept by the power of God through faith...”

Gal. 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is evident*: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

- Our temporality is indurated by the “lively hope” of our prospect for the future.

2. As to the Prospect, 1:5b – “...unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

- Our bodies are not yet redeemed, but one day, at the rapture or the resurrection, our bodies will be changed.

1 Cor. 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 **Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

- Everything is ready for the believer's prospective future!

Original Word: ἑτοιμος

Transliteration: hetoimos

Definition: prepared

Usage: ready, prepared.

hétoimos (from *heteos*, "fitting") –
ready because prepared; "standing by," ready to meet
the opportunity (challenge) at hand; **ready because the
necessary preparations are done** (or are sure to
happen as needed).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2092.htm>

- This passage includes a revelation promised for all that we will need to know.

Original Word: ἀποκαλύπτω

Transliteration: apokaluptó

Definition: to uncover, reveal

Usage: I uncover, bring to light, reveal.

apokalýptō (from *apó*, "away from" and *kalýptō*, "to cover") – **properly, uncover, revealing what is hidden (veiled, obstructed), especially its *inner* make-up; (figuratively) to make plain (manifest), particularly what is *immaterial (invisible)*.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/601.htm>

- The finite limitations of our temporality obscure our perception of eternity.
- Our passage this morning helps clarify why believers HAVE a “lively hope.”
- The future for the believer is sure, by the mighty power of God!

Isa. 14:27 **For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul *it*?** and his hand *is* stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Conclusion

Heb. 6:17 Wherein **God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel**, confirmed *it* by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19a “**Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast...**”