

A sunset scene with a large sun partially obscured by a dark, silhouetted forest in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the right side of the frame. The water in the middle ground reflects the colors of the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Pet. 1:3-9

*“Rekindling a Lively Hope
That Expresses Love For The Savior”*

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.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 **Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**

Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

During the last few weeks we have been considering...

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”

We have been observing what the Bible says in *First Peter*. We began with “WE HAVE AN EXPECTANT HOPE” because “WE HAVE AN EXPERIENTIAL FAITH.”

I. WE HAVE AN EXPECTANT HOPE

A. We Have an Expectant Hope of a Triumphant

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

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

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

B. It Soars Beyond the Temptation Side fo Life, 1:6

C. It Sings Beyond the Testing Side of Life, 1:7

1. A Precious Faith Developed by the Trial, 1:7a

2. A Purging Fire Devouring in the Trial, 1:7b

3. A Priceless Find Discovered by the Trial, 1:7c-d

a. What! – 1:7c

b. When! – 1:7d

Today is *Resurrection Day, 2021!* This morning we will observe that due to the resurrection, WE HAVE AN EXPRESSIVE LOVE.

III. WE HAVE AN EXPRESSIVE LOVE, 1:8-9

A. What Our Love Dares, 1:8a “Whom having not seen, ye love...”

❖ Though believers today have not “seen” the Lord Jesus Christ with the natural eye, they have seen Him through the vision of faith.

Heb 11:27 **By faith** he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, **as seeing him who is invisible.**

Heb. 12:2 **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Our love dares to love Him because He first loved us, even when we were yet sinners.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

1 Jn. 4:19 **We love him**, because **he first loved us**.

- Faith's fuel is love for the Savior which produces an undaunted belief!

Gal. 5:6 "...**faith** which **worketh by love**."

B. What Our Love Does, 1:8b-9

1. Its Undaunted Belief, 1:8b "...in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing..."

- The focus for the believer always should be upon the Lord Jesus Christ!
- “...though now ye see *him* not...” speaks of the immediate, yet, like Job, believers have confidence of seeing the Savior in eternity!

Job 19:26 And *though* after my skin worms destroy this *body*, **yet in my flesh shall I see God:**

- The fact of the resurrection secures our hope in Christ for eternity!

Rom. 6:5 For **if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:**

- The Apostle Paul expressed his hope to the church in Philippi:

Phil. 1:21 For **to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**

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23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, **having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ**; which is far better:

2. Its Undying Bliss, 1:8c-d—9

a. Gladness Beyond All Words, 1:8c “...ye **rejoice** with joy unspeakable...”

Original Word: ἀγαλλιάω

Transliteration: agalliaó

Definition: to exult, rejoice greatly

Usage: I exult, am full of joy.

agalliáō (from *agan*, "much, very" and *hállomai*, "jump, leap") – **properly, getting so glad one jumps in celebration; to exult (boast) because so experientially joyful.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/21.htm>

2 Cor. 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 **How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.**

b. Glory Beyond All Words, 1:8d "...and full of glory:"

- The glory of God was viewed by Moses and had an astounding effect:

Ex. 34:35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that **the skin of Moses' face shone**: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Cor. 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, **was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away:**

8 How shall not **the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?**

9 For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, **much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.**

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

11 For if that which is done away *was* glorious, **much more that which remaineth *is* glorious.**

12 **Seeing then that we have such hope,** we use great plainness of speech:

13 And not as Moses, *which* put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But **their minds were blinded**: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; **which vail is done away in Christ.**

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, **the vail is upon their heart.**

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

17 Now **the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass **the glory of the Lord**, are changed into the same image **from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

c. Gains Beyond All Words, 1:9

1 Pet. 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

- The end of our faith is eternity in heaven with Christ = “the salvation of *OUR* souls!”

Conclusion

1 Cor. 15:19 If **in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.**

20 But **now is Christ risen from the dead, and** become the firstfruits of them that slept.

42 So also *is* **the resurrection** of the dead. It is **sown in corruption**; it is **raised in incorruption**:

43 It is **sown in dishonour**; it is **raised in glory**: it is **sown in weakness**; it is **raised in power**:

44 It is **sown a natural body**; it is **raised a spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

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.

55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

57 But **thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

