

Phil. 2:9 Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him,**
and **given him a name which is above every name:**
10 That at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow,
of *things* in heaven, and *things* earth, and *things*
under the earth;
11 And *that* every tongue should confess that **Jesus**
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psa. 9:10 **And they that know thy name will put their**
trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them
that seek thee.

Tonight, our primary focus will be upon 1 Pet. 1:4:

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,

This evening we continue studying the names and titles of the Lord Jesus Christ found throughout the Word of God. We will see how the various names are descriptive terms portraying various characteristics of the Lord Jesus.

We have focused upon the Lord Jesus Christ as “The Blessed Hope,” and “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Last week, we began to consider... “The Lively Hope” and started with...

I. THE SOURCE OF THE LIVELY HOPE

- A. The Praise for the Savior, 1:3a “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...”
- B. The Power for Salvation, 1:3b “...which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

Tonight, we, again, consider hope that is “lively.”

“The Lively Hope”

Believers have hope that is centered and dependent upon the Lord Jesus Christ. The expectation of the fulfillment of His promises works mightily within the believer to give motivation to endure and enjoy life to its fullest. Such hope is a security to the soul.

II. THE SECURITY OF THE LIVELY HOPE

1 Pet. 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

❖ The inheritance is connected to a believer's relationship with Christ.

Rom. 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God**:

17 And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

❖ The inheritance is also a reward for faithful service.

Col. 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive **the reward of the inheritance**: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

❖ A believer cannot lose salvation, but, may lose the reward of the inheritance.

2 Jn. 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we **lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.**

A. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Decay – “To an inheritance incorruptible...”

Original Word: ἄφθαρτος

Transliteration: aphthartos

Definition: undecaying, imperishable;

Usage: indestructible, imperishable, incorruptible;
hence: immortal.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/862.htm>

1 Cor. 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but **we an incorruptible**.

1 Cor. 15:52 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.

1 Pet. 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by **the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

❖ The world is full of contamination, but the believers' inheritance is incorruptible!

B. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Defilement –
“...and undefiled...”

Original Word: ἀμίαντος

Transliteration: amiantos

Definition: undefiled; **Usage:** undefiled, untainted, free from contamination.

amíantos (an adjective, derived from A "not" and *miaínō*, "to stain, defile") – properly, untinted (unstained); (figuratively) undefiled because unstained.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/283.htm>

Heb. 7:26 For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, **undefiled**, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

❖ Our inheritance resembles our Savior!

C. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Default – “...that fadeth not away...”

Original Word: ἀμάραντος

Transliteration: amarantos

Definition: unfading; **Usage:** unfading, enduring.

amárantos (an adjective, derived from A "without" and *maráinō*, "to fade") – properly, what will *not fade (imperishable)*. <https://biblehub.com/greek/263.htm>

- ❖ The Second Law of Thermodynamics is commonly known as the Law of Increased Entropy, the state that everything is deteriorating. For example, the universe is slowing down, fading away.
- ❖ The inheritance of the believers will never fade away!

D. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Disappearing –
“...reserved in heaven for you,”

Original Word: τηρέω

Transliteration: téreó

Definition: to watch over, to guard; **Usage:** I keep, guard, observe, watch over.

tēréō (from *tēros*, "a guard") – properly, maintain (**preserve**); (figuratively) *spiritually guard* (watch), *keep intact*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5083.htm>

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were not so*, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; **that where I am, there ye may be also.**

❖ Believers will possess a reserved residence that includes personal fellowship with Christ!

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 in Christ.

Conclusion

1 Pet. 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive **a crown of glory** that fadeth not away.