



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. 1:5, but we will begin with verse 3 in order to grasp the context:

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,

We have focused upon the Lord Jesus Christ as “The Blessed Hope,” and “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Two weeks ago, 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,”

## II. THE SECURITY OF THE LIVELY HOPE

A. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Decay –

“To an inheritance incorruptible...”

B. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Defilement –

“...and undefiled...”

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

D. Our Inheritance is Incapable of Disappearing –

“...reserved in heaven for you,”

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 based on a strength originating with God.

Tonight, we consider the *Strength of the Lively Hope*. The believer’s strength is totally dependent upon the power of God.

### III. THE STRENGTH OF THE LIVELY HOPE

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

A. The Security for the Believers – “Who are kept...”

❖ 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! (**present participle**)

**Original Word:** φρουρέω

**Transliteration:** phroureó

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

*phroureō* (from *phrouros*, "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!
- ❖ Our temporality is indurated by the “lively hope” of our prospect for the future.
- ❖ The “lively hope” toughens up the believer to face the challenges of life.

## B. The Source for the Believers – “...by the power of God...”

- ❖ 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* – "**Power through God's ability**" 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.**

❖ Jesus made it very clear about the security of the believer:

Jn. 10:28 And **I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish**, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

29 **My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all**; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

C. The System for the Believers – “...through faith...”

❖ 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.**

❖ Believers, growing in grace, walk by faith, not by feelings or fads!

D. The Salvation for the Believers – "... 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* – 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 evening 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?

## 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

Jn. 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

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.***

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.