

I Peter 1:3-12 - Part 1

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 3-21-18

God Establishes Our Hope in Christ (v. 3)

Peter is writing a letter of _____

- Not “fond hope” or “hoping against hope”
- A _____ hope
 - One that holds the future in the present because of the past.
 - A _____ hope - one anchored solely in the Christ who lives

God Maintains Our Hope: Our Inheritance (vv. 4-5)

Being born ____ God means access to an inheritance _____ God

- A better treasure: Matthew 6:19-20
- Israel in the desert - wandering pilgrims sustained by the promise of an inheritance.
 - Christians are wandering pilgrims, sustained by the promise of an inheritance.
- Paul in Ephesians 1:14: The Holy Spirit is the “earnest” - the _____ that guarantees

The inheritance

- Canaan → Israel - physical/earthly foreshadow/type
- Our inheritance:
 - Can never _____
 - Can never _____
 - Will never _____ (Isa. 40:8)
- Ours = the _____ God has prepared for us (v. 5)
 - Revealed (fully) on the last day, but ready for us now
 - Kept perfectly for us by God himself
 - Not just kept ____ God, it ____ God! (Ex. 6:7; Num. 18:20; Deut. 32:9)
 - We are HIS inheritance, and he is ours!

Faith: How we _____ our salvation

- Faith is not our achievement, but trust in God’s

Joy in Christ Through Trials (vv. 6-9)

V. 6 - “In this you rejoice” - the hope & assurance of salvation - life in Christ and him in us

The heart of his letter: Hope in the midst of trials

- 3 reasons to have hope and to rejoice in the midst of trials:
 - Our hope points us _____ the temporary to the eternal
 - Our faith is _____ by sufferings (v. 7a)
 - The result of our faith will be the _____ of God (v. 7b)

Joy as the _____ of love

- Seeing vs. not seeing
- One day all will see