IPETER HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

- 1.Ephesians 1:3, "...who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."
- 2.I Peter 1:3, "...who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope."
- 3.II Corinthians 1:3, "...the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction..."

We should Bless God, because:

- 1. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
- 2. He, according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope.
- 3. He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction..."

LIVING HOPE! I Peter 1:3-5

"HOPE" ⇔ Confident expectation of the fulfillment of what God has promised.

LIVING HOPE, I Peter 1:3-5

- The Praise For Our Living Hope, "Blessed be God."
- The Agent of Our Living Hope, "God the Father."
- The Source of Our Living Hope, "His Great Mercy."
- The Cause of Our Living Hope, "Born Again."
- The Nature of our Hope: "Living."

For Christians, our hope is fixed on the Living God, and the salvation we have in Him, which is entirely His work from beginning to end!



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