

Series: Alert and Ready (1 Peter)

Sermon: The Hope in Suffering

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God has mercy/compassion on our sinful state.

So he _____, gives us a new quality of life, through:

1. We have a living hope: _____ and we trust in him!

2. An _____ that will never perish, spoil, or fade!

Peter's audience was suffering in many ways but they were _____.

HOPE _____ SUFFERING.

My response to suffering _____ whether my faith is _____ or not.

When my faith is proven genuine I receive _____ when Jesus returns!

When I have _____ for Jesus, belief and trust in him, and _____ because of him in the middle of suffering, that is good evidence that my faith is genuine.

Practical: I should read books about the New Earth and next life.

"Surprised by Hope" by NT Wright. "Resurrection" by Hank Hanegraaff.

Practical: I should have the "right script" in mind when I suffer. Try something like this:

"I know Jesus. So, I know that my suffering _____. I am filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy as I remember that I have an inheritance coming. An inheritance that is greater than anything I could imagine. I believe that.

_____, when you say that you're protecting my inheritance and that suffering proves my faith is genuine (1 Peter)! I'm looking past my circumstances and I'm looking to the day Jesus returns. RETURN LORD JESUS! I PUT MY HOPE IN YOU!"

Practical: It's impossible to have the _____. I will be in a growth group and have them keep me accountable towards setting my hope and focus on my inheritance. I'll share my struggles and listen to their wisdom!

I have options. To be saved or not. To have _____. I don't like suffering, but I love joy so I will KEEP THE FAITH, and KEEP _____ on Jesus return and my inheritance!