



1.) Living hope is born of God's _____ (v. 1-3).

- Our new birth into living hope is the product of God's great mercy (Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 Peter 2:10, John 3:3).
- By the will of our Creator and only Redeemer, living hope springs only from the mercy of God.
- We are who we are because the God who created us is pleased to shower us with His magnificent mercy in Christ.
- The mercy of God is yet one more magnificent motivation to lift our lives to Him in ceaseless praise (Romans 12:1, Psalm 28:6-7).
- Every child of God has been born of mercy and should therefore be _____ (Luke 6:36, Matthew 18:33).
- Living hope springs up on the earth when the people of God shine the mercy of God among one another and to a weary world (James 1:21).
- The hope-giving seed of the Gospel most readily penetrates hearts that have been softened by the manifestations of God's mercy (Romans 2:4).

2.) Living hope is _____ in Christ (v. 3).

- Those who sincerely confess Jesus Christ as Lord are born again into a brand-new universe of hope (2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Peter 2:10)
- The only future available without new birth in Christ is dying hope.

3.) Living Hope is _____ power from God (v. 4-5).

- The resurrection of Christ is the specific means that our heavenly Father in Heaven chose to deliver sinners out of dying hope and into a hope that cannot die.
- Every measure of enduring hope for everyone is found only in the empty tomb of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:13-17).
- If Christ is not raised, then the dead are not raised. And if the dead are not raised, then do whatever you like or nothing at all, because nothing truly matters in the end.
- If you lack hope in life, then there is a good chance that you spend far too little time pondering the resurrection of Christ.
- Living hope is the promise that we shall _____ in Christ (John 11:25-26, Ephesians 1:18-20).
- The living hope that God has delivered to us through the resurrection of Christ is irrevocably sealed by that same resurrection power.
- We can and should have every confidence that the resurrection power of God is able to keep us unto the last day, because we have seen that power applied in Christ.

4.) Living Hope is a _____ gift (v. 4).

- The hope into which we are born again in Christ is an inheritance that can never in any way be corrupted, confiscated, contaminated, or consumed.
- Because God has mercifully united us as one with His Son, what belongs to Christ belongs also to us both now and forevermore (Col. 1:12-14, Rom 8:16-18, Mat. 6:20).
- Our inheritance in Christ is categorically superior to any inheritance on earth, because it is "*an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.*"
- Just as the grave could not overcome the Lord, so also nothing can overcome the living hope we have been given in Him (1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57).