



The Case for Hope

1 Peter 1:3-7

Series Summary

The Case for Christ and Christianity has remained a polarizing issue for centuries. Skeptics and seekers strive to poke holes in the reality of the resurrection and the reliability of the Word of God yet the facts have continued to remain valid and true throughout every era. This series will provide reasonable evidence regarding four major areas of the Christian faith: (1) The Case for the Resurrection, (2) The Case for Christ, (3) The Case for Truth, and (4) The Case for Hope. Join us as we study the Reality of the Word of God and the evidence supporting the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Quote

“With God life is an endless hope. Without God, life is a hopeless end.” – **Bill Bright**

Main Text

1 Peter 1:3-7 (ESV) – ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Big Idea – The Certainty of Your Living Hope Defines Your Lasting Value

Three Lessons Learned from the Case for Hope

Lesson #1 – Praise the Lord for Your Living Hope is the Anchor for Your Soul

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“Quote – Our hope is only as good as who it’s anchored to.” – Lee Strobel

Lesson #2 – Be Courageous: Live Your Life Driven by the Living Hope as You Pursue the Lasting Hope

1 Peter 1:4-5 (ESV) – ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Lesson #3 – Rejoice for Your Living Hope Promises that Better Days Are Ahead

1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV) – ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Quote – “At my lowest: God is my hope. At my weakest: God is my strength. At my saddest: God is my comfort.”

Memory Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV) – For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Connection Point.