

Don't Stop Believing
Jesus: Our Great Hope!
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Significant Historical Facts

1. 1 Peter was written around _____ and 2 Peter followed about 1 or 2 years later.
2. The writing of both letters appear to have been a team effort between Peter and _____ from the Book Of Acts.

I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. 1 Peter 5:12 NLT

Rationale For Dual Authorship:

- Silas was considered one of the most _____ leaders in the early Church.
 - 1 & 2 Peter are written in perfect _____, something beyond Peter's education, but not Silas'.
 - Peter would have provided the _____ of the letter though the leading of the Holy Spirit, and then Silas would have written those thoughts in Greek.
 - 1 Peter is called by some as "_____" because it is clearly written from a pastoral heart in deep love for its recipients, qualities of both Peter and Silas.
3. 1 & 2 Peter were written to Christians who were scattered across _____ immediately after Nero's persecution of Christians and the Church.
 4. The overriding theme of 1 & 2 Peter is to stray strong in faith in Jesus Christ even when it is difficult - _____ - Jesus is _____!

Key Verse for Don't Stop Believing Series

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 1 Peter 1:13 NIV

Grab this!

Our Hope is demonstrated in our _____.

Key Verses of the Day

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:3-9 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

Christians have tremendous _____ because Jesus is a _____!

1. The Expression Of Hope Discovered In Jesus' _____.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...

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Jesus' resurrection certifies our _____ of a _____!

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Not only does Christ live, but now we live _____!

2. The Expression Of Hope Discovered In Our _____.

...and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:20 NLT

Your Inheritance Will Never...

- _____ — The world will one day be destroyed, but your inheritance never will be.
- _____ — Nothing can defile the purity of the inheritance secured for us by the righteousness of Christ.
- _____ — Time will not weaken it. It will fully be revealed on the Last Day.

3. The Expression Of Hope Discovered In Deepened _____.

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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Christians don't escape suffering in today's world, but we have the _____ that we suffer with _____.

...may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

4. The Expression Of Hope Discovered In The Fulfillment Of The _____ of Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Bottom Line

Christians have so much to hope in so _____!