

WE.
BECAUSE.
HE



YOU CAN HAVE HOPE

1 PETER 1:3–13

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

'Things Can Only Get Better'

Worldly Hope

- Based on wishful thinking.

Living Hope (v.3)

- Based on the resurrection!

New birth! (v.3)

Double security

- *Kept in heaven for you (v.4)*
- *Shielded by God's power (v.5)*

Going through trials (v.6)

Refined in the fire (v.7)

Bingo!

More than you can see!

“Inexpressible joy” (v.8-9)

Looking into grace (v.10-12)

‘Prepare your mind for action’ (v.13)

- Tucking away untruth (‘girding up the loins of your mind’)
- Letting it go to our heads (being ‘self-controlled’ / ‘sober’)

Conversation starter:

Where do you find hope?



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Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at:

<http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

Read 1 Peter 1:3–4.

1. Do you consider the hope you have in Jesus to be 'alive and kicking'?
2. What makes the hope you have different from worldly hope?
3. How might the idea of a 'new birth' and 'inheritance' give people hope in their lives?
4. How are we 'shielded by God's power'? Why might it lead to rejoicing? (v.5–6)
5. **Read v.7.** Why does God allow us to go through trials? Who is the proof of our faith really for?
6. **Read verses 9 and 10.** To what extent are we responsible for *'the goal of our faith'*?

Read verse 13.

7. What might make us lose hope in grace?
8. How can we try to *'prepare our minds'* so that we hope *fully* on grace?

Pray that God would establish the hope of His grace in each of your hearts and minds and that it would fill you afresh with joy.

