

A Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3

Just what is a “living hope”?

“Living” means a person (1 Peter 2:4-5)

The living is Christ. He and His resurrection is the Christian’s hope.

How about “hope”? Hope is

- future
- assured
- joyful
- keeps us going

Christ **died** for us

and **rose** from the dead in victory

and **represents** us before God presently

and **shall return** to finish His purposes

and such hope inspires us to joy and perseverance

Man cannot live without hope.

There is evil and death and ignorance of ultimate issues.

There is man’s nature bent towards evil.

What is man’s hope?

Man has conjured many but God provides one.

Christ is our “living hope”

A divine person who has:

1. revealed truth
2. died for sin
3. provided salvation
4. given my labor significance
5. provided me a cause. His cause.
6. changed my very nature

and will:

7. bring history to an end
8. vanquish evil