

We must be born of God

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ²who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance. - **I Peter 1:1-9**

Eight Key Themes of I Peter

1. Those who suffer as Christians will be _____.
2. **exalted** The church of Jesus Christ is the _____, the **new temple** of God.
3. Believers should set their hope on their _____ **and time** inheritance.
4. Christ died as a _____ **substitute** sinners, and His death is the basis for their new life.
5. Christ's _____ is an example to his disciples.
6. At His resurrection, Christ _____ over His enemies. **triumphed**
7. Christians should live righteously in their _____ and in _____ **homes** **society**.
8. New life in Christ is the basis for a life of _____ and _____ **love** **holiness**.

QUESTION: How is a living hope in Christ made real to us?

ANSWER: Through **salvation**.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9**

children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. - **John 1:13**

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." - **John 3:3**

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." - **John 3:5-8**

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. - **Ephesians 2:4-5**

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, - **Colossians 2:13**

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, - **Titus 3:5**

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. - **James 1:18**

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, - **I Peter 1:3**

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.- **I Peter 1:23**

If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him. - **I John 2:29**

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. - **I John 3:9**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. - **I John 4:7**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. - **I John 5:1**

for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. - **I John 5:4**

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.
- **I John 5:18**

A couple of thoughts about regeneration, being born of God.

- 1) It's not optional.
- 2) It is a work of God, not man.
- 3) God regenerates through His _____, not ~~witho~~ut it.

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QUESTION: What makes this living hope come alive?

ANSWER: The resurrection of Christ.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." - **John 11:25-27**

Our living hope is ultimately in _____. **heaven**

This regeneration allows us to have eternal life.

Peter encourages his readers:

"In this knowledge you can greatly rejoice."

“BECAUSE HE LIVES I CAN

FACE TOMORROW!”

A Study in I Peter

Finding hope in the midst of uncertain times