

## The Glorious Description of Our Hope I Peter 1:1-5

### Introduction:

- What scenes or associations do you make with “home”?
- Moving to a new state is a drastic change!
- God’s Word identifies all Christians as pilgrims in this world.
- **Purpose: The Lord wants you to revel (be overjoyed) in the glory of your heavenly home.**

### I. The hope is real, not a dream or a wish.

- a. “to have a wish to get or do something, or for something to happen or be true, especially something that seems possible or likely” – Dictionary
- b. In the Bible, “hope can refer to the anticipation (even certainty) of the good things to come or to the content of that anticipation.” Kelly
- c. There are many statements in these verses revealing that our hope is certain
  - i. *“the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*
  - ii. *“to an inheritance” Joshua 13:14, “And the border of the children of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to the families, the cities, and their villages.”*
  - iii. *“reserved in the heavens”*
  - iv. *“ready to be revealed”*

### II. The hope is living, not dead.

- a. It is living in us.
  - i. Our new birth marked the beginning of our hope.
  - ii. Our new birth imparted spiritual life.
  - iii. Our new birth was enacted by God’s mercy.
  - iv. Our new birth is alive and well everyday.
- b. It is living in Jesus.

### III. The hope is unearthly.

- a. Our hope has perfect qualities.
  - i. Incorruptible means “not subject to decay and death.”
  - ii. undefiled means untainted by sin.
  - iii. Unfading means unaffected by the passing of time.
    1. I Peter 5:4 “unfading crown of life”
    2. It is unfading in its experience as well as its material.
- b. An unbeliever’s hope has horrendous qualities
  - i. II Peter 2:4 “judgment”
  - ii. II Peter 2:9 “punishment, judgment”
  - iii. II Peter 3:7 “fire, judgment, perdition”
- c. What kind of eternal home awaits you?

### IV. The hope is secure.

- The Pyramid Game: A home, a car, prisoners, and a diary?
- a. The means is His power.
  - b. The manner is through our faith.
  - c. The goal is our final salvation.  
*“Have you ever felt like throwing in the towel on the Christian life?”*

### V. The hope is imminent.

### VI. The hope is gracious.

- a. He himself makes us alive to the hope.
- b. He himself makes and grants the unearthly inheritance.
- c. He himself guards our faith.
- d. He himself reveals our salvation.
- e. He himself brings the Savior to us.

### Conclusion:

Pilgrim, how can you help but revel in this hope?  
What awaits you on the other side?  
What difference does this make now?

