



## THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION (PT.2)

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**1 PETER 1:3-5 NKJV** – (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

When life is hard and your hope is fading, remember the living hope of Christ's resurrection that we celebrate on Easter. Our true home is in heaven. When your hope and dreams seem dashed, remind yourself that there you'll see your favor Savior face to face and be with Him forever. And until then, He walks with you every step of the way. Now let's take the third and fourth step to the hope of the resurrection.

**A third hope is confidence in God's power working in us.** We "are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (**1 Peter 1:5**). Jesus' resurrection made it possible for us to become part of God's household. There we're protected as we grow in Christ (**Ephesians 2:19-22**). God is continually empowering you to become the person He wants you to be, Christlike in every way: "It has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is" (**1 John 3:2**).

**Our fourth hope is the ultimate one – our resurrection from the dead.** Jesus's resurrection guarantees that we too will be raised and given new glorified bodies (**Philippians 3:20-21**). There will be no more pain, death, or trouble. This truth should fill you to overflow with hope, because the sufferings of this present life cannot be compared with the eternal glory that awaits (**Romans 8:18**).

**SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 11:25-26**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** If you please God, it doesn't matter whom you displease. If you displease God, it doesn't matter whom you please.