

Peter's First Epistle

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CHAPTER 1:3-9

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TITLE:

"GRACE THAT KEEPS US SAFE PT. I"

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME:

1 Peter 5:12

*I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this
is the true grace of God in which you stand.*

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 1:3-9

When a newborn is born - one way to stop their jerky and frightened actions is to "Wrap Them Up Again" in a warm and tight blanket... they even put beanies on their heads now-a-days...

(((When I was born in San Diego, I had to walk
home from the hospital - in the snow !!!)))

We were warm, tight and secure
until it was time to be born

We have never been
all that warm, tight and secure in the world - in this life
but now it's time to be born (again)

But Grace would never allow us to be on our own...

....Grace Surrounds Us

Making sure that we are “safe” because as we saw last week,
there are **“TRIALS ALONG THE WAY”**

God has supplied to us “Grace” -
“GRACE THAT KEEPS US SAFE”
along the way!

1.) By Grace, We are Born into Glory vv. 3-4

Verse 3a

1a) Grace Guarantees Us Life (Everlasting) vv. 3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who **according** to His **abundant mercy**

- * **Blessed** GRK 2128 **eulogetos** (yoo-log-ay-tos');
adorable. To praise and lift up in worship

A Doxology

- * **According** GRK 596 **kata** (kat-ah')
(prepositionally) set down (in certain place or time) after,
against, in pertaining to something greater
- * **Mercy** GRK 1656 **eleos** (el'-eh-os)
deep compassion, (great and tender mercy or compassion)
- * **Begotten (AGAIN)** GRK 313 **anagennao** (an-ag-en-nah'-o)
to bear or to birth again a second time

The Work of the Holy Spirit to Make Again or Anew

Verse 3b

*has {**begotten us again**} to {**a living hope**} through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

It's A "Living" Hope

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hope GRK 1680 elpis (el-pece')

to anticipate, with pleasure - to fantasize or daydream with expectation and confidence!

It's not just "A hope"

hope's greatest enemy is time, time destroys hope

But it's a "Living Hope" *that sees time pass by and only becomes more excited because the desired "object" is now closer than ever... eternity !*

Romans 13:11

knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation (the reality of it) is nearer now than when we first believed.

How is it "Living" ? Cus

Verse 3b

*through **the resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

God is Alive ! - Jesus is Alive Today !

Every scientist who's intellectually honest will have to admit that nature points it's finger to it's design-engineer called God

The Pope and His Theory of Evolution

(He's part of the new age ensemble that must be formed in the last days)

We Serve A Living God

who's only interested in giving us a living-life
who says to us...

#1

Romans 12:1

by the mercies of God, present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God,
which is your reasonable and logical response.

#2

Matthew 22:32

I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?
God is not the God of the dead, but **of the living.**"

When Time Comes for you to Die

you will be very concerned about God, Death, You, Heaven, Hell & Life!

"I Guarantee it"

The Fact of the Matter is...

Because Jesus is risen from the dead - we have a living
hope, because He lives!

IT IS TRUE THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD !

- YOU CAN ASK THE NON-CHRISTIAN HISTORIANS OF THAT DAY
- YOU CAN ASK THE RECORDS OF "THE ARCHIVES OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE"

THERE'S A MODERN DAY WITNESS OF THE RESURRECTED JESUS

- CHANGED LIVES AMONG THOSE WHO TRULY KNOW JESUS...
- CHANGED COUNTRIES AND NATIONS AND CUSTOMS...
- THE PROPHETIC ASSURANCE OF THE BIBLE...