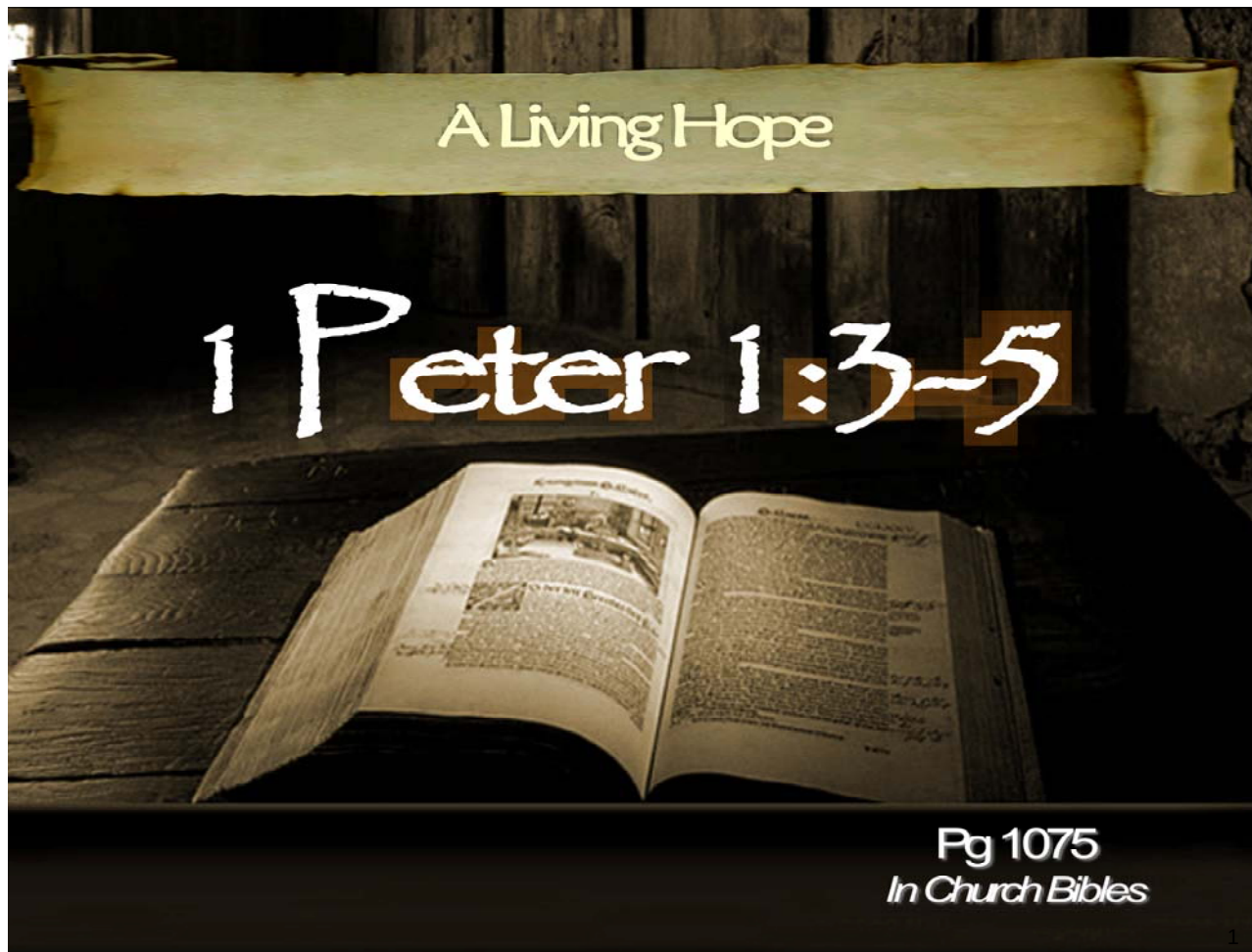




Notes for 1 Peter 1:3-5 – A Living Hope

The Basic Outline for this Study is as follows

Intro – Hope....what is it? A Living Hope? (alive, with you, talking to you and more)

- Contrast a stuffed animal verse a living dog, a mannequin verses a living person – consider a living hope

- 1) **a Privileged Living Hope**
 - Exclusively for Christians – focus on the word “born again” in the passage
 - Expectancy for Heaven – the hope is a hope of heaven
 - Effectively for Living Now – though looking forward to heaven – the hope is now!
- 2) **a God given Living Hope**
 - Bless God – all of Him!
 - His Heart – Abundant Mercy
 - His Work – Begotten us again
 - His Power– Resurrection of Jesus
 - His Supply –His Inheritance
- 3) **a Victorious Living Hope**
 - Incorruptible
 - - never ending, never diminishing
 - Undefiled
 - - never messed up, never polluted
 - Does not Fade
 - - never old, never boring, never dull
- 4) **a Rock Solid Living Hope**
 - a Place Reserved - holding it for us
 - a People Kept by God – brining us there!
 - notice divine side: Kept by the Power of God
 - notice human side: through faith
 - both truth...necessary and present in a real Christian
 - a Time Ready to be Revealed

The following pages are notes – connected to the PowerPoint Slides we show during the message. On the left top, you will see the PowerPoint Slide that is shown. On the left bottom, the verse in 1 Peter is listed. On the right, notes that follow along with the slides. This is a different way of doing sermon notes, and it might be hard to follow...but I hope not. The above outline is what we are teaching – the notes that follow is the process. May it be helpful is our prayer!



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Hope – in many ways the theme of this book of 1 Peter

Hope – a word often used in our world today...but confusingly

- I long to reclaim it – for you

Question: What do you hope for?

- Biblically – not a wish, but a confidence – something you don't have yet...but sure it is coming, confident.
- So again...what in your life is this? Don't have but know is coming?

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Today....want to underscore the great hope God has for us.

Our text calls it a **Living Hope**

Interesting...what is a living hope?

- Difference between a stuffed animal, a dog – and real dog
 - One manufactured – just there
 - Other, real, pursues you, more
- Difference between a mannequin and a real person – huge!

God has given us a living hope – want you to know it...meet it
What you to have a relationship with this living hope!

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

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↳ Exclusively for Christians

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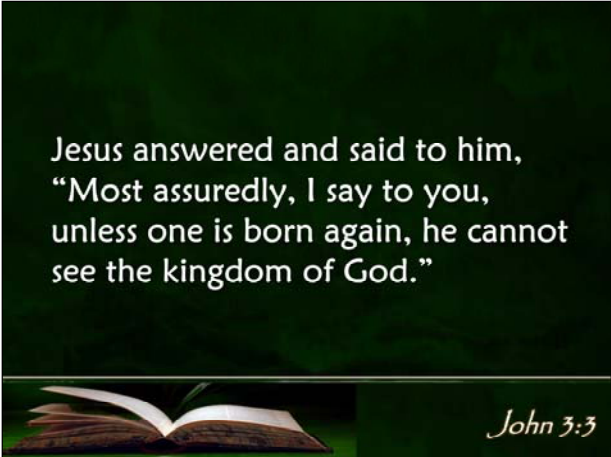
First key – who is this hope for?

- Very specific...unique
- Only for Christians – real
- If not saved...want you to see that you don't have this
- If are saved...want you to have this so much more...

Read verse again – notice “born again”

Jesus affirmed that real Christians are...

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Jesus answered and said to him,
“Most assuredly, I say to you,
unless one is born again, he cannot
see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3

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Vital, for many think themselves Christians who are not

- Christian like they are an American
- Lean this way, grew up this way, think perhaps is true...

Yet...if you have not been born again – you are not saved

- Think of the familiar quip, “I am a Christian but not one of those born again ones”
- There Born Again Christians are the only real Christians they are

Today – if not saved – call to

6



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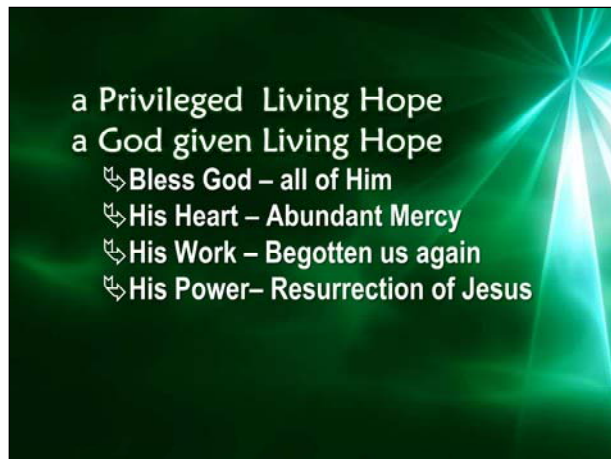
So– first this hope is for Christians

Second – notice where this hope is located – heaven

- What we are thinking about, where it is- what it is about

Third – yet...the hope is now, alive and with us now. The focus is on having this hope today....

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So...this is a Privileged Hope

Yet also notice – it is God given

- God goes to great lengths to help us see – this is of, from Him

Bless God (term only used Biblically for blessing God), specifically in/thru Christ

- If see this right – you will bless Him

His Heart – His Abundant Mercy. The source is from Him! Treating us as we don't deserve

His Work – begotten us again. True, is a description of a real believer (noticed minute ago).

- Yet the focus here – is He did it, He caused it.
- Several translations have it that way – He caused us to be born again. True

His Power- through Resurrection of Jesus

- The way He did this, power to bring about – is thru Raising Jesus
- Includes thoughts of His death for us
- Yet, focus on life from Dead, conquering death through Christ

8

...I pray...that you may know...
what is the exceeding greatness of
His power toward us who believe,
according to the working of His
mighty power which He worked
in Christ when He raised Him from
the dead



Ephesians 1:15-20

It is such power...that God longs that
we would see. Shows us a prayer
through Paul to know this power...

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**On top of His power--- it is His
inheritance.**

Term is easy – I am sure, but think
about it.

Inheritance vs. Salary

One is earned, worked for
One is not

One you get because of who you are
and what you have done
One you get because of who another
is and their relationship with you.

**All Him! In the end – if you can see
this clearly – glorify Him**

It is all Him...bless God

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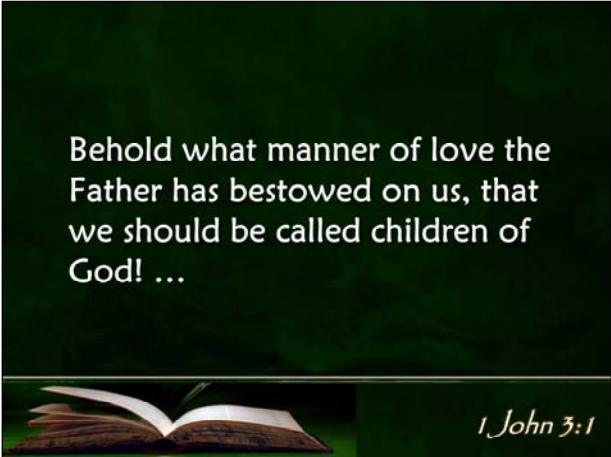
**Now for us...it is a victorious hope,
victory for us...real**

Where? Again – heaven.

Question, Christian: What will heaven be like? Do you ever wonder, think about?

Honestly...in many ways, we don't know....cannot conceive of it...

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Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! ...

1 John 3:1

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We are God's kids – amazing, display of His love...

12

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is



1 John 3:2

Though now is true, we are God's kids – what is coming, we don't fully know

We don't really know what we will be like in heaven...

Like Jesus...

Yet – so far beyond our ability to even imagine...wow

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Much of what we can grasp about what heaven will be – is what it will not be. Look at what is missing, but hard to even imagine what it will be.

Heaven will be Incorruptible

- everything here – corrupts
- dies, ends, diminishes
- All we know...everything here
- Creation itself – not evolving, but devolving – getting worse

14

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;
but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.



Matthew 6:19-20

Jesus spoke of it this way –
everything here – deteriorates, rusts
and can be taken

Not so heaven

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More – it is undefiled

- Understand defiled right?
- Mess something up, spoil it, ruin it, pollute it.
- Nothing can or will ever spoil the joy, reality and existence of heaven...

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And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.



Revelation 21:4

What we know here – goes away
Death, sorrow, loss...all gone

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But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles



Revelation 21:27

Nothing ever will defile...nothing

Now, that is great. More than I can speak.

Nothing from the outside...but it is better than that. Because the thing that messes up life for us here – is not what is external, but internal...

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Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him...

What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.



Mark 7:18-23

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The Pharisees had confronted the disciples for not washing their hands in the right ceremonial way

Jesus pointed out – that ceremony was not the answer, if we didn't wash our hands right, could not be spiritually polluted.

What pollutes us, defiles us – comes from the inside...

19

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.



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As you look on this list – know it is true – for all of us

What spoils our lives, days – is so often – what is in our hearts

These things defile us.

But guys - heaven will be undefiled. You will not and cannot spoil it. Never again will these things rise from within us...

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Wow...incorruptible, undefiled... but there is more.

Does not fade – unfading

- Fade has the idea of growing old, diminishing, dull, boring
- Everything in this life does
- Get something new – great...but then the joy fades.

Boring – lets talk about for a moment. Sin spoils and makes life boring. Wonder if you have discovered

If having a good day, walking with God, it is a joy – fresh

But if have a bad day, if what comes from within defiles your heart...so often – find ourselves bored. Its part of sin...

Sometimes might wonder – will heaven grow dull, boring? Never...ever. Never fades – that initial joy, thrill, wonder – stays

We know nothing of this here...but we will there

21

In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.



Psalms 16:11

With Him...in heaven
Fullness of Joy – wow

Pleasure forever...never fades

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"For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth; And the former
shall not be remembered or come to
mind."



Isaiah 65:17

In heaven – we will never want
something else.

Never bored with what we have, and
want new

Never disappointed and wish we
could go back – it will not be

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Wow. Can you see it?

Do you see what an incredible hope
God has laid up for us.

If so...can see why the prayer in
Revelation

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And the Spirit and the bride say,
"Come!"



Revelation 22:17

Spirit longs for it
Bride (church, us), cry out for heaven
– kingdom come....
- right prayer, good, daily

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For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.



Philippians 3:20-21

We belong to heaven..and it is coming.

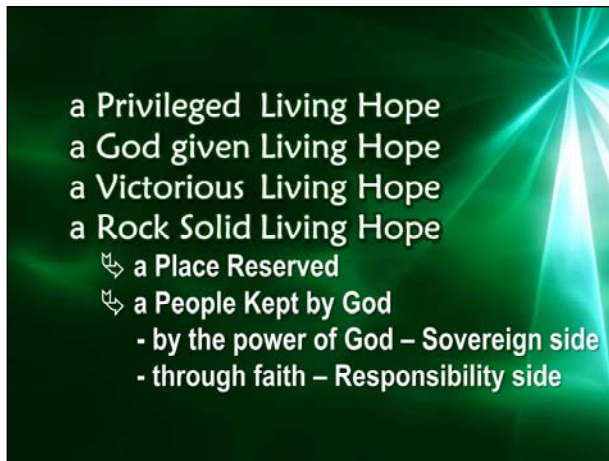
Love the last part of this – He is able to do it....

That is the great reality – He is, and will. I have questions about how Says in that day – we will be volunteers – willing...yet perfect

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As you hold this...it even gets better. How?

The hope He has for us – is solid

- Not a pie in the sky, never have
- Not a fantasy that cannot be
- Real...and coming

He has a place reserved for you

- Imagine like reserved tickets
- You won't miss it, be left out

More...

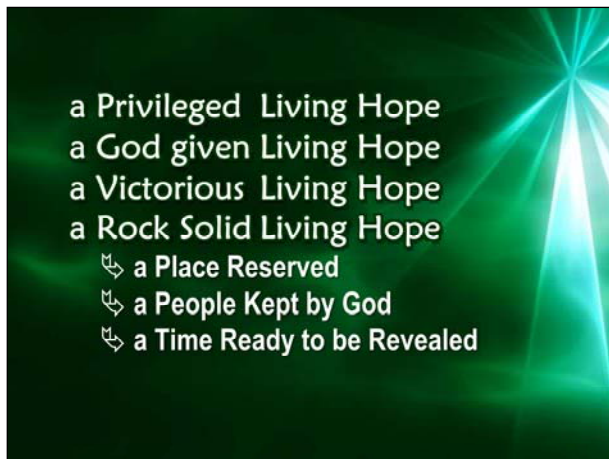
He is keeping you – wow

- Much fear often here – will I make it.
- Imagine having tickets – but what if car breaks and don't make it
- Impossible – He is keeping us

Notice – quickly

- See both sides of this
- Divine side – He is keeping – military term, guarding
- Human side – we have a responsibility to hold on – faith
- Simple – for the real Christian – it will always be both
- We have faith...He is keeping us
- Impossible for one to be kept w/o faith
- If someone walks away – proves never really saved.
- Real salvation is permanent - kept

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Place help, holding you...more –
 ordering time – leading along

Time coming – when fullness of
 salvation will be revealed

(Salvation is pictured as a past,
 present and future thing in Bible, all
 connected)

Final installment, reality of heaven to
 be unveiled

Revealed – pulling back curtain

Simple – He is leading us there

Point – solidness of this hope

28

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.



Romans 8:18-25

True then, now...and for those in 1 Peter.

This is likely part of the point of our passage – they were going through and about to go through difficult times....

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For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.



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For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.



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World locked into state of man –
defiled by us – devolving, not
evolving.

It too will be delivered, as we will

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For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.



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We are groaning...true

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Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.



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For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.



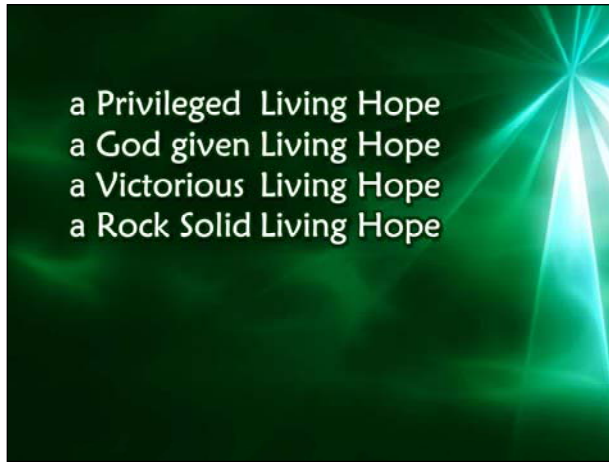
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This hope...don't have it yet, but it is a solid hope – waiting for it, with perseverance...

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Do you see it?
Amazing...wonderful...

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It is a living hope.

Long that you have this

Not a manufactured hope – like a stuffed animal on a shelf

But alive, that walks with you, talks with you – reminding you the best is yet to come...

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Now may the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.



Romans 15:13

May God do this today

This is my prayer- meet this living
hope afresh...alive with you

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looking for the blessed hope and
glorious appearing of our great God
and Savior Jesus Christ



Titus 2:13

May we be those that are doing this
day...may we be looking for this
amazing blessed, living hope

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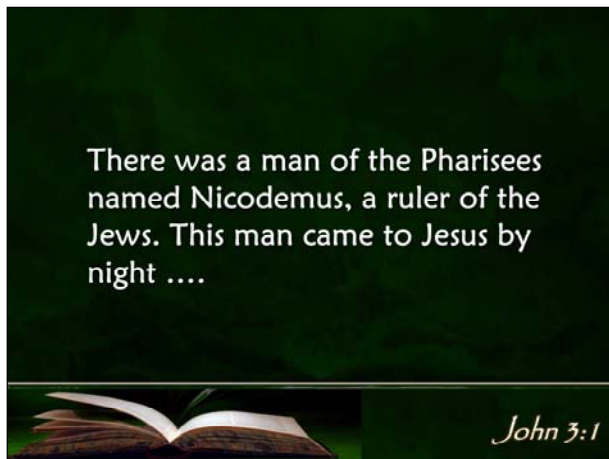
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Before we close – I return to the thought – that this is not a universal hope.

Not true for all mankind
Not true for al in this room

Today...if you are not a Christian, this is not yours...

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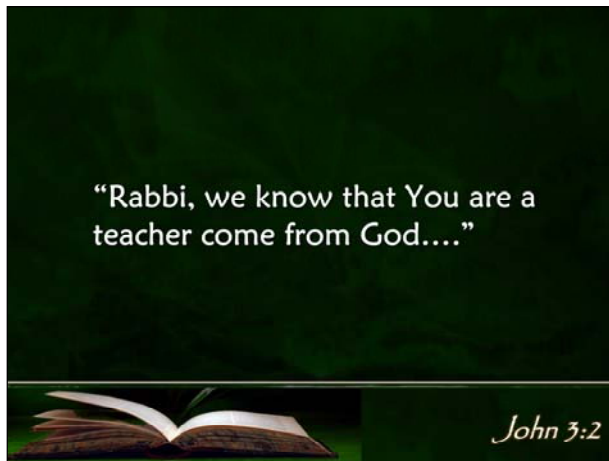
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Think of this amazing encounter

Nicodemus – was a good man
- fair (see that throughout Bible)
- Spiritual – Pharisee
- Powerful – ruler

All in that day would have assumed he was OK...but not!

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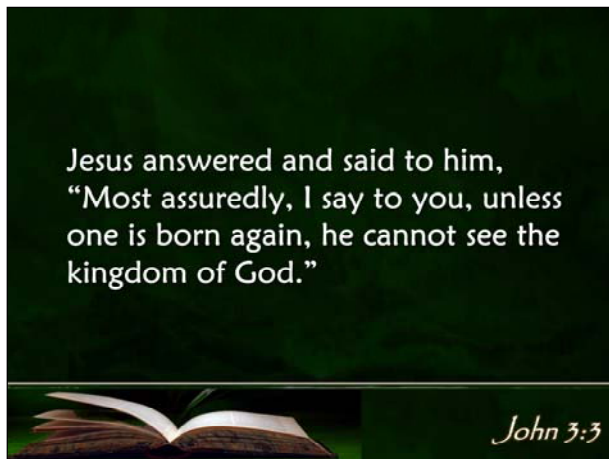
He knows Jesus is good...even from God

Again....we would think, Nic is a good guy...

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Jesus tells him – need to be born again.

All you have and are – not enough
People might tell you are ok – not

Must be born again...or never see the kingdom of God – incorruptible, undefiled, unfading

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Do not marvel that I said to you,
'You must be born again.' The wind
blows where it wishes, and you hear
the sound of it, but cannot tell where
it comes from and where it goes. So is
everyone who is born of the Spirit.



John 3:7-8

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Messed with Nicodeums

Jesus tells him this...

What needs to happen, I cannot do
for you, church cannot, you cannot

You must be "caused to be born
again" – work of the Spirit
Cry out for it...

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Living
Hope

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I long that you...all could know this
living hope

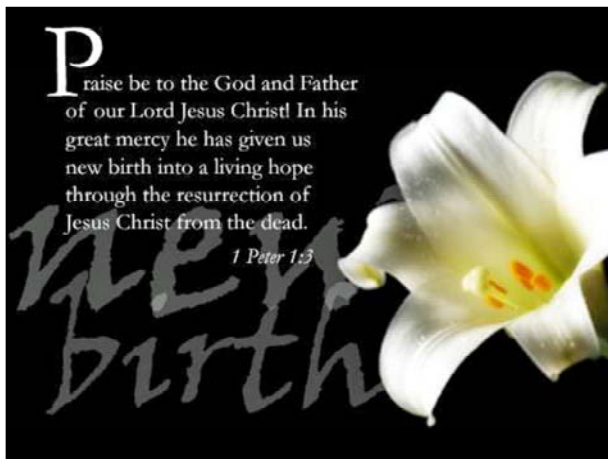
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