



Community Group Study: The Death of Death
Easter 2017 | 1 Peter 1:3-5 | week of April 16

GETTING STARTED

- Name one item of significance which you have inherited or hope to inherit someday. What makes that one item so special?

CONTEXT

- Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. What do we learn about the circumstance/situation of Peter's readers?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5.

OBSERVATION

- According to the passage, what has God done for his people? Why has he done it?
- What is the connection between a Christian's "living hope" and the resurrection of Jesus?
- What is significant about the way the Christian "inheritance" is described?

MEANING

- What does it mean to be "born again" to a living hope? Look up the following passages and consider what each adds to your understanding of the new birth: John 1:12-13; John 3:3-6; Galatians 4:4-7.
- In what sense is a Christian's hope in God a "living hope" What other forms of hope are there? How is Christian hope superior to those?

APPLICATION

- Our inheritance in Christ is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. What are you seeking to earn or inherit in this life? What are your desires and your wants? Which of those desires will **vanish**, spoil, or fade over time?
- How should our unchanging inheritance in Christ affect your priorities?
- How conscious have you been of God's "guarding" power in your life (1:5)? What has this power looked like for you? How does this power encourage you? What difference will that make in your feelings and actions today?
- How can you better cultivate a heart and attitude of praise in your life?

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize/meditate upon Jude 24-25.
- Write a prayer confessing to God the lesser/dead hopes that you are inclined to trust in. Thank him for the living hope that you have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.