

A Living Hope

1 PETER 1:3-12

- Theme: The Genuineness of Faith – Stand Firm in it!
- Purpose: To Strengthen the Suffering by Providing a Word of Exhortation and Testifying that Salvation is the True Grace of God
- Key Verse: 1 Peter 1:7
- ...”so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”¹
- Author: The Apostle Peter (1:1, 5:12)
- When: 64 – 65 A.D.
- Where: Babylon
- Recipients: The Elect Exiles in Anatolia²
“The Pilgrims of the Dispersion”³

¹ New American Standard Bible, 1995 (1 Peter 1:7)

² Gerald Bray, *The Church, A Theological and Historical Account*: “Anatolia is what we now call Turkey in Asia and included the provinces mentioned in the letter.” Bray concludes, “Peter had no known connection with them.” p.58

³ The Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982 (1 Peter 1:1)

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Outline:

Salutation

...through the sanctifying work of the **Holy Spirit** (1:1-2)

Jesus Christ Brought a Living Hope (1:3)

God Promises to Keep Us (1:4-5)

Trials Are Part of the **Joyous Plan** (1:6-8)

Salvation is **Eternal** (1:9-12)

Application:

- Obediently as chosen followers we have secured hope in _____.
- Characteristically as chosen followers we must strive to refine our _____.
- Geographically as chosen followers we must accept our _____.

“For our citizenship is in heaven,
from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ;” Philippians 3:20