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Hope (Noun), G1680 - elpis - ἐλπίς

- "It has to do with the unseen and the future, Rom. 8:24, 25. Hope describes (a) the happy anticipation of good" (Vine's)
- "Expectation of good, hope in the Christian sense, joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation" - (*Thayer*)

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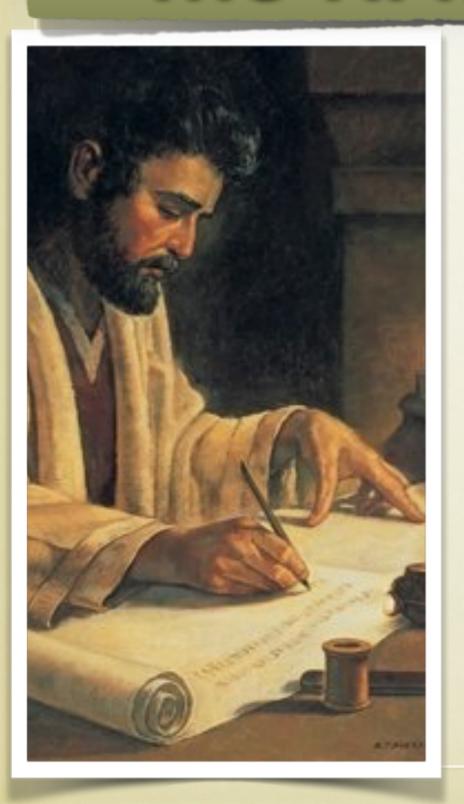
- Our hope rests in God Num 23:19; 1 Sam 15:29; Titus 1:2; Heb 6:18
- Made possible by God's love, mercy & grace Tit 3:3-5; Rom 5:8,9; Ep. 2:3-10
- By means of the new birth ver. 22,23; Jno. 3:3–8; Tit. 3:5; Jam 1:18; Gal 3:26,27; Rom 6:3-7; Col. 2:11-13

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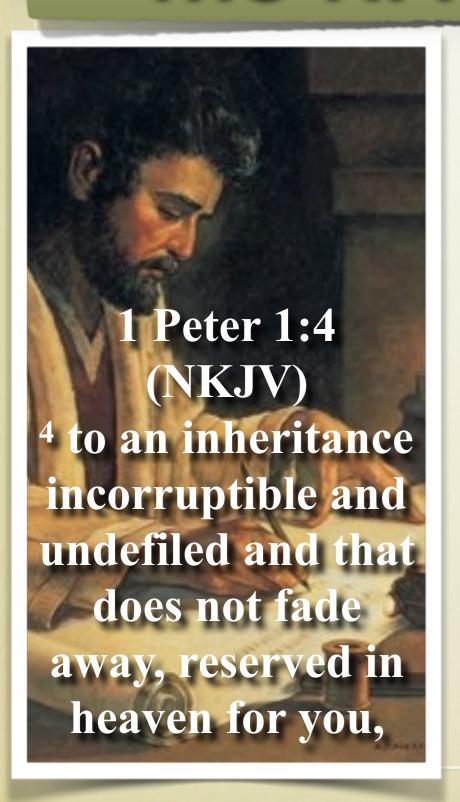
- Jesus' "bodily resurrection" gave all believers a "living hope" of a future bodily resurrection at the end of time (I Pet 1:3-9,21; Rom 8:11-17, 23-25; 1 Cor. 15).
- This "living hope" is eternal life (Titus 1:2; John 12:25; James 1:12; Rev 2:10)

## The NATURE of OUR HOPE

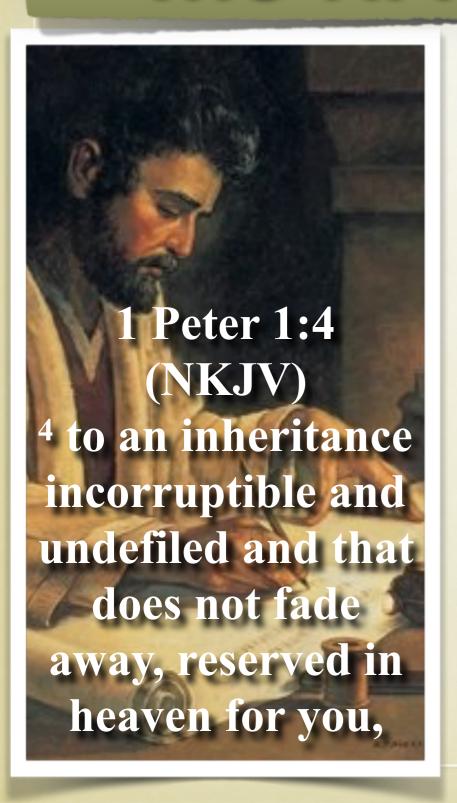


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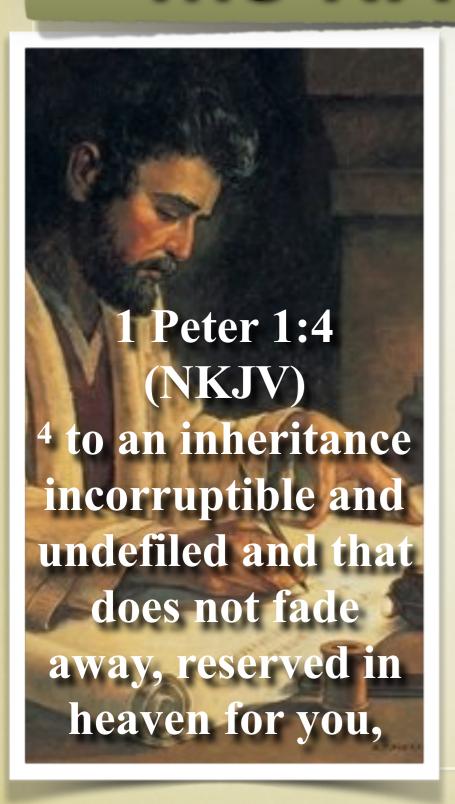
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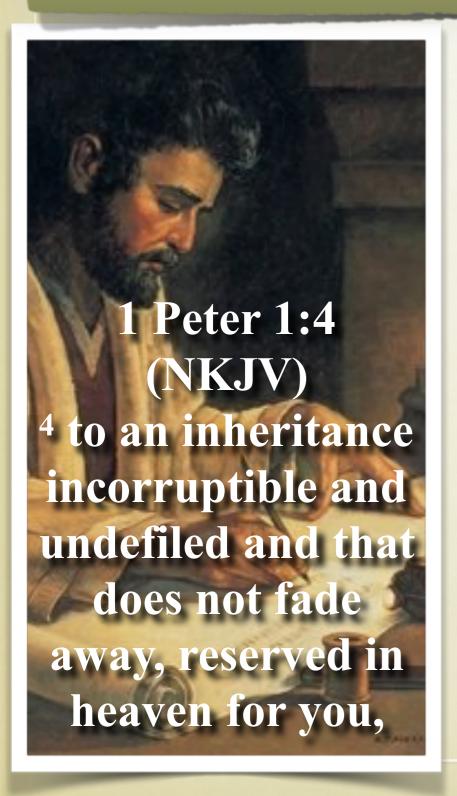
- Inheritance kleronomia (κληρονομία, 2817) This same word is used in the Septuagint to refer to Israel's promised possession of the land (cf. Num. 26:54, 56; 34:2; Josh. 11:23)
- What God has promised to all who are faithful to Him in Christ Jesus is NOT HERE ON EARTH (Ac; 20:32; 26:18; Ep. 1:11,14,18; Col. 1:12; 3:24; He. 9:15; 11:13ff)



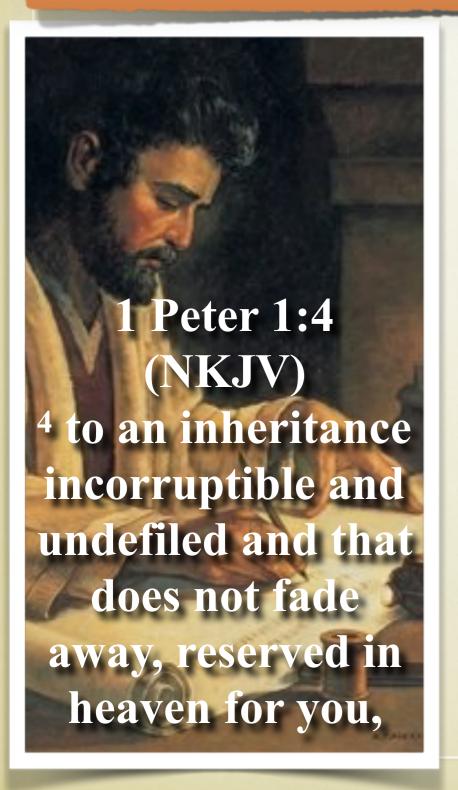
- Is Incorruptible (aphthartos) meaning
  "not liable to corruption or
  decay, imperishable" —
  1 Cor 9:25; 15:52,53'
- Unlike the present heavens and earth in which we now live, which one day will be destroyed — 2 Pe 3:10-13



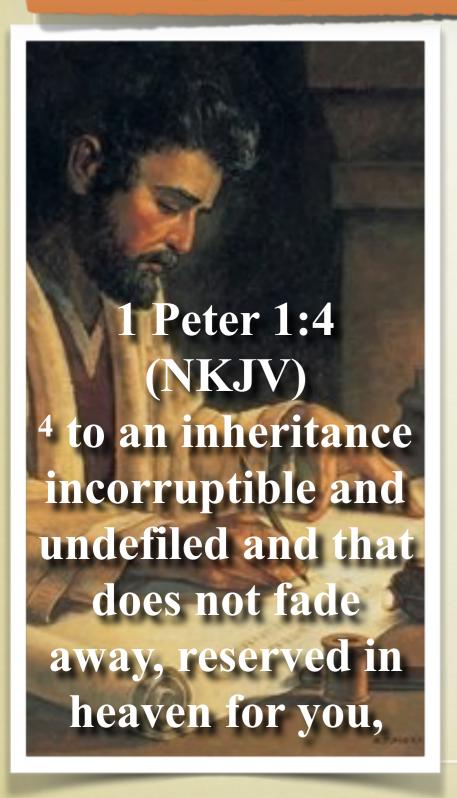
- Is Undefiled (amiantos) meaning "not stained, unsoiled"
- Unlike the earthly Canaan, which could be and was defiled by its inhabitants Our hope pertains to that where the defiled are not allowed to enter cf. 1 Cor 6:9-11; Re 21:27



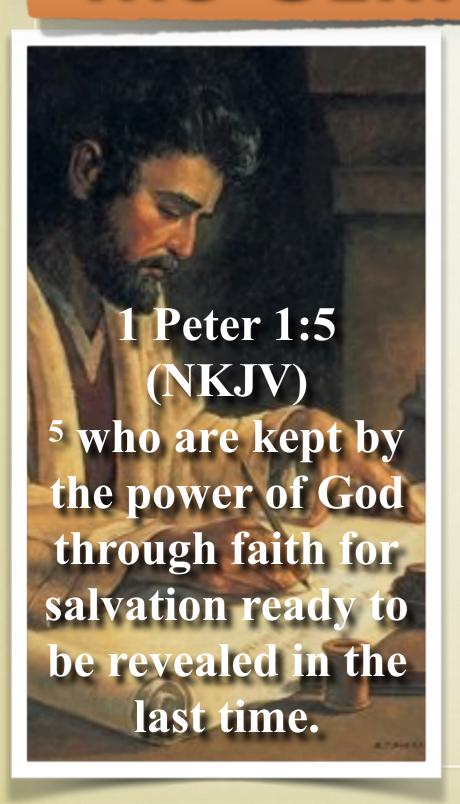
- Does Not Fade Away -(amarantos) - "unfading, perennial"
- Our heavenly reward: will not rust, fade, or wither like things do here on earth 1 Pet 5:4; Mat 6:19-24; 1 John 2:15-17



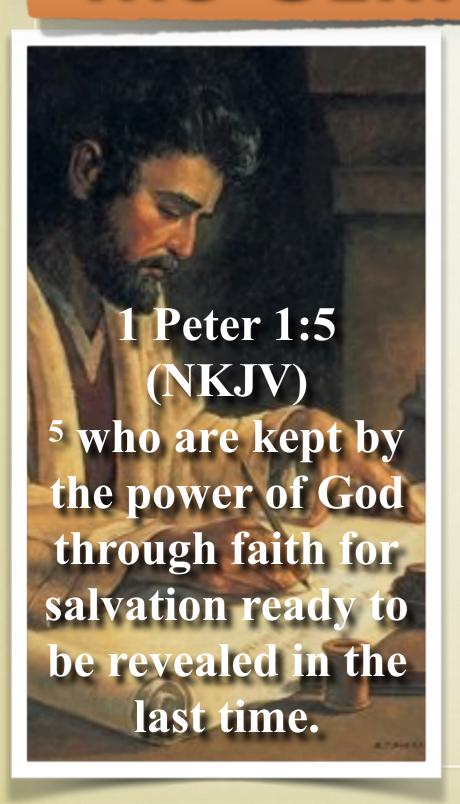
- Reserved (tereo τηρέω) "to watch, to observe, to guard, protect, to reserve, set aside"
- Our inheritance is safely guarded in heaven itself! Psalms 31:19; Col 1:5; 3:3; 2 Tim 4:8; Heb 4:3
- It is THERE! God has promised it, (Titus 1:2), God has provided it, (1 Pet. 1:3), God is guarding it!



- Our INHERITANCE, when realized, will be imperishable & undefiled it CANNOT be lost, it CANNOT be tainted!
- This HOPE is RESERVED for us IN HEAVEN Our IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE IS NOT ON EARTH!
- No one, not even Satan, can steal it from you! John 10:7-10, 27-30; Rom 8:28-39

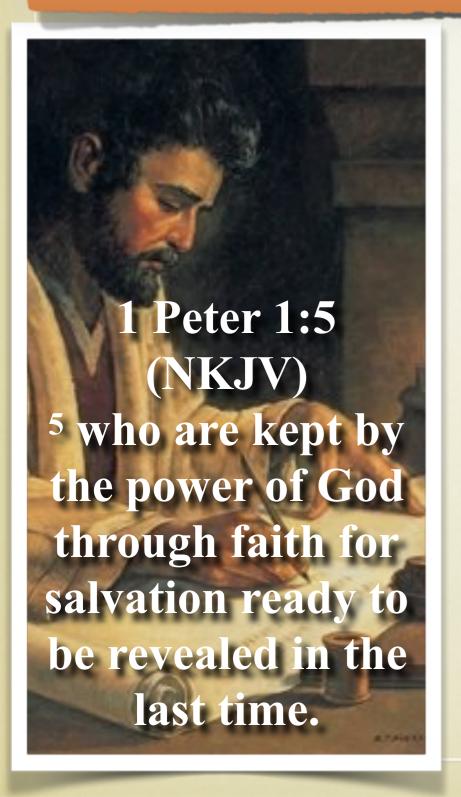


- Kept by the power of God -(phroureo - φρουρέω) -
  - A military term "to guard, protect by a military guard, either to prevent hostile invasion, or to keep the inhabitants of a besieged city from flight"
  - ▶ God's power to protect the faithful & the inheritance He provides for them should never be questioned - Jn 10:29

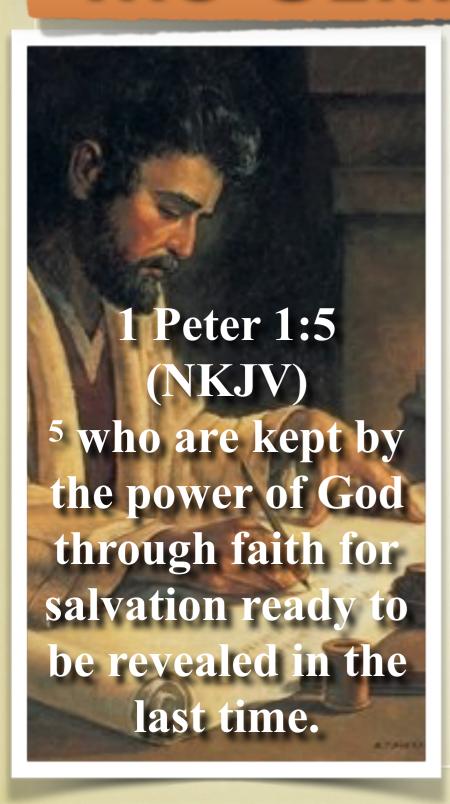


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  - He knows how to deliver the righteous - 2 Pe 2:9
  - ▶ He supplies the armor necessary to withstand in the evil day Ep 6:10-13



- But Being "Kept" Involves Two Things, the Power of God & Our Faith:
  - To Remain "kept" requires faithfulness on our part Col. 1:23; 2 Pet. 1:5-10; Rev 2:10
  - The "faithful" have the assurance of God's protective care & WILL receive the inheritance reserved for us in heaven! 2 Tim 4:6-8



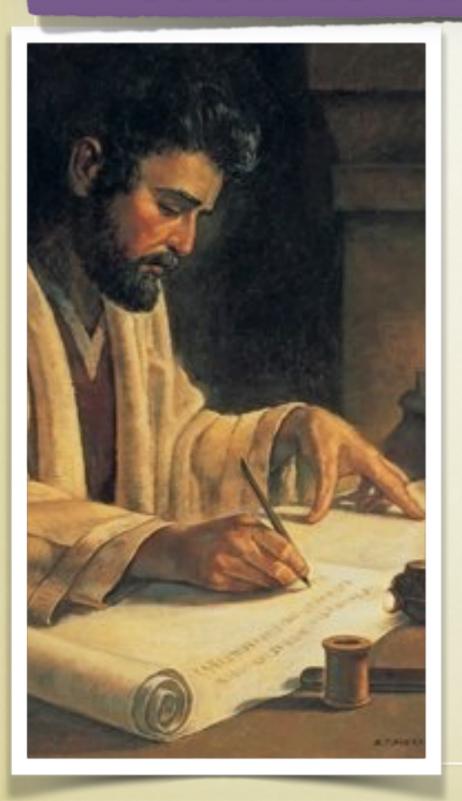
- Christians are REPEATEDLY warned of the DANGER of FORFEITING our inheritance
  - Beware, lest we depart from the living God (Heb 3:13)
  - Hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end(Heb 3:14)
  - Fear lest we come short of entering (Heb. 4:1,2)
  - Give diligence to enter God's rest- (Heb 4:11)

## The CERTAINTY of OUR HOPE

#### 2 Peter 1:5–11 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

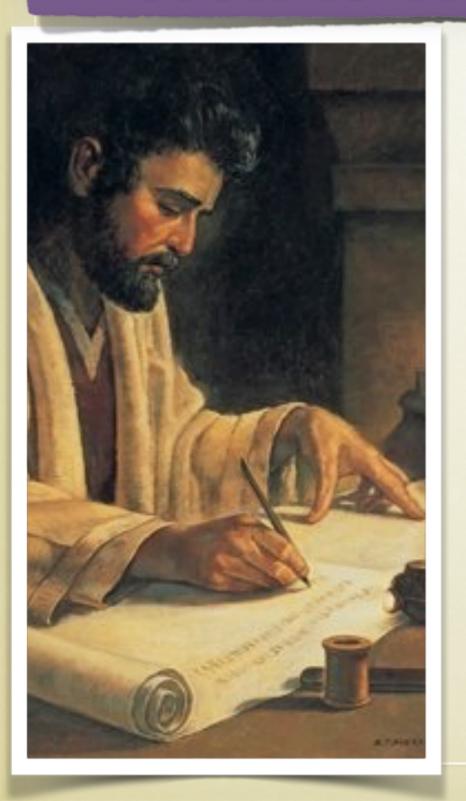
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  - 3:6; 6:17-19; James 1:2-6
- Endurance 1:7,9; Rom 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:7-5:8
- Serves as an anchor 1:8; Heb 6:18,19; 1 Cor. 15:58
- We purify ourselves 1 Pet 1:7,13-21; 1 John 3:3

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- Sanctification
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## WHAT WE DO NOT HAVE YET ...

- Final Inheritance
- Hope of Heaven
- Final Salvation
- Final Glorification
- Final Revelation
- Faith REALIZED
- Hope REALIZED
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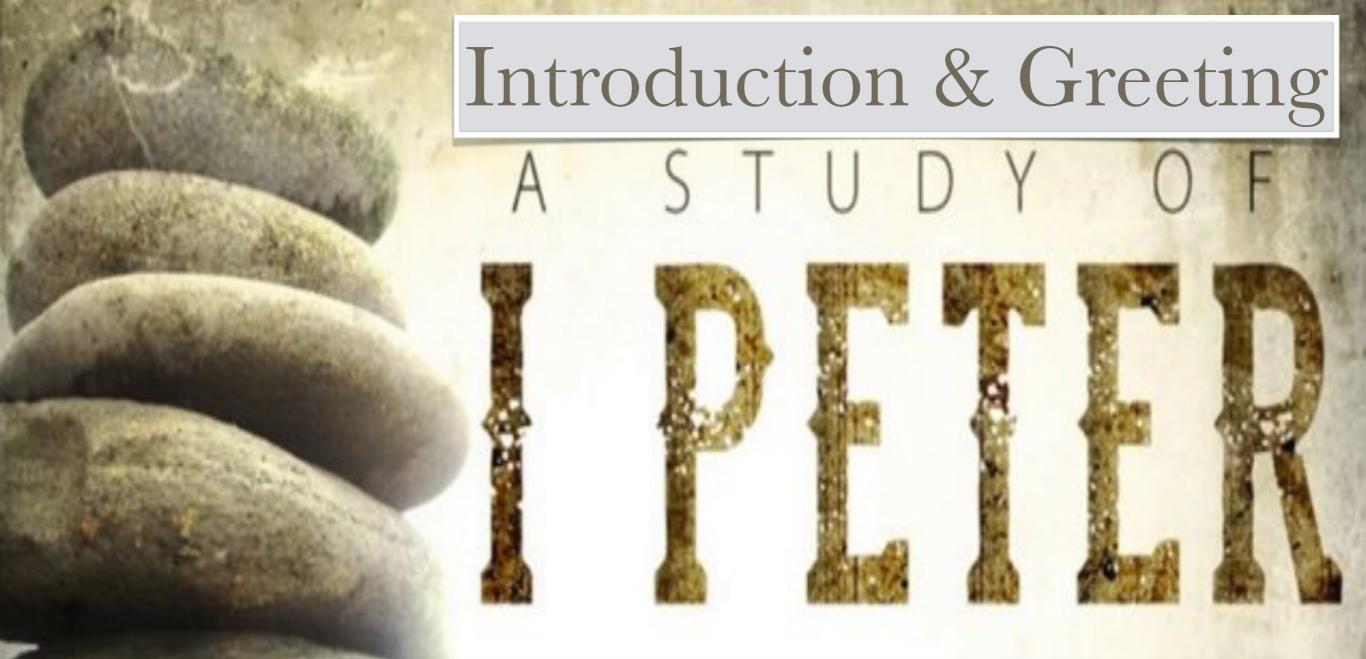
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- Mans way leads to a hopeless end – God's way leads to an endless hope!
- Have you been begotten
  AGAIN to THIS LIVING HOPE?
- Is your HOPE strong enough to help you endure the temptations & trials of life? cf. Hebrews 11:1-12:3

#### Romans 8:22-25 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 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. 24 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? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.



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