

Series: Alert and Ready (1 Peter)

Sermon: The Hope in Suffering

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God has mercy/compassion on our sinful state.

So he \_\_\_\_\_, gives us a new quality of life, through:

1. We have a living hope: \_\_\_\_\_ and we trust in him!

2. An \_\_\_\_\_ that will never perish, spoil, or fade!

Peter's audience was suffering in many ways but they were \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOPE \_\_\_\_\_ SUFFERING.

My response to suffering \_\_\_\_\_ whether my faith is \_\_\_\_\_ or not.

When my faith is proven genuine I receive \_\_\_\_\_ when Jesus returns!

When I have \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus, belief and trust in him, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ because of him in the middle of suffering, that is good evidence that my faith is genuine.

**Practical:** I should read books about the New Earth and next life.

"Surprised by Hope" by NT Wright. "Resurrection" by Hank Hanegraaff.

**Practical:** I should have the "right script" in mind when I suffer. Try something like this:

*"I know Jesus. So, I know that my suffering \_\_\_\_\_. I am filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy as I remember that I have an inheritance coming. An inheritance that is greater than anything I could imagine. I believe that.*

\_\_\_\_\_, when you say that you're protecting my inheritance and that suffering proves my faith is genuine (1 Peter)! I'm looking past my circumstances and I'm looking to the day Jesus returns. RETURN LORD JESUS! I PUT MY HOPE IN YOU!"

**Practical:** It's impossible to have the \_\_\_\_\_. I will be in a growth group and have them keep me accountable towards setting my hope and focus on my inheritance. I'll share my struggles and listen to their wisdom!

I have options. To be saved or not. To have \_\_\_\_\_. I don't like suffering, but I love joy so I will KEEP THE FAITH, and KEEP \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus return and my inheritance!