

Alive with Hope

1 Peter 1:3-5

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Look at what he says to these people in the third verse of his letter: 1 Peter 1:3 (NASB95)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

To be born again is to be made alive to God by His Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2:1 (NASB95)

you were dead in your trespasses and sins

1 Peter 1:4–5 (NASB95)

To obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

When God saves you from your sin, he doesn't just take you out of the "danger zone." He doesn't just reach down and pull you out of the pit into which you have fallen. He saves you for the special future He has for you. God saves us from our sin for the special future he has for us.

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Proverbs 18:10 (NASB95)

10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe.

What can we learn from all of this?

I can do no better than quote Edmund Clowney:

Our hope is anchored in the past: Jesus rose!

Our hope remains in the present: Jesus lives!

Our hope is completed in the future: Jesus is coming!