

## **“Our Living Hope” 1 Peter 1:3-9**

1. In the midst of trials, Who and what is the source of our living hope?

As believers, why can we still rejoice when facing trials and tests?

2. What three words does Peter use in verse 4 to describe the permanence of the believer’s inheritance?

In the Greek, we see three words, each beginning with the same letter and ending with the same syllable, to describe (in a cumulative way) the permanence of the inheritance:

- *aphtharton* (“imperishable”)
- *amianton* (“will not spoil/undefiled”)
- *amaranton* (“will not fade”)

Where is our eternal inheritance (v. 4)?

3. We also see that not only is our eternal inheritance in Heaven but it is “reserved” and God is keeping watch over it and us. Not only is our eternal inheritance guarded, but those in Christ who are heirs of the inheritance are also (according to verse 5) shielded by God’s power.

Read Philippians 4:7. The same word used in Philippians 4:7 and 1 Peter 1:5 for “guard” or “protect” is a military term which means “to protect or garrison by guarding”.

How does it feel to know that God and His peace is not only protecting you but standing watch over your heart and your mind (your emotions and thoughts)?

4. What greater hope could be given to those facing persecution than the knowledge that God’s power guards them from within, to preserve them for an inheritance of salvation in His presence!

What should be our response (vv. 6-8) to the tremendous truths seen in verses 3-5?

5. Read James 1:2 and 1 Peter 1:6-7. Trials themselves are not seen as occasions for joy. But they cannot diminish the deep, abiding joy that is rooted in our living hope in Christ Jesus.

What results come about from the trials and persecution that we face (vss. 7-9)?