

# A Look at Hope in 1 Peter

*If there is any book of the Bible that has at its very core a theme of hope upon which its entire message is based, that book would be 1 Peter. An exploration of this theme in the letter will benefit us greatly, and an important lesson can be gleaned from the subject.*

## **Peter describes in glorious terms the hope that Christians have secured for them.**

- It is a living hope (1:3) that is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, and kept in heaven for us (1:4).
- For the purpose of bringing this salvation to us, God guards us by his power so that we can experience the salvation in the last time, at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1:5).
- It is this hope that gives them with the ability to endure the suffering the face (1:6-7) because of the inexpressible joy it provides (1:8-9).
- This hope, which had been prophesied for hundreds of years by the prophets, is so amazing that even angels long to look into it. (1:10-12)

**Because the Christian hope is one of such magnitude and certainty, Peter urges his readers to set their hope fully on its source: the grace that will be theirs at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

## **This hope becomes the driving force behind their entire life:**

- A. It is the reason they are holy. (1:14-2:7)
- B. It determines the way they interact with people, both in the world and in the brotherhood. (2:8-3:12)
- C. It gives them strength through even the most intense suffering, and gives them confidence to rely upon God for strength, both now and in eternity. (3:13-5:11)

**Hope became the lens through which these Christians viewed every facet of their lives on earth. Can we say the same?**