

A Hope That Never Fails

1 Peter 1:3-9

As we approach the Advent season, can you defend its purpose in the Christian faith? By definition, Advent is a time of waiting and anticipating the birth and return of Christ. In the four weeks leading up to the time His birth is acknowledged, each Sunday focuses on a different theme. Today, we look at our hope. In a world where hopelessness and despair affect so many, where does your hope rest?

"And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us"-Romans 5:3-5

The Evidence of a Living Hope

- New Life in Christ (v. 3)

- Eternal Legacy (v. 4)

- Divine Protection (v. 5)

- Peculiar Joy (v. 6-9)

Application

- ✓ In your journal, write down two actions you can take to focus more on the proof of your living hope than on your circumstances, trials, and temptations?
- ✓ In your prayer time, ask God to open your spiritual eyes to help you see the evidence of your living hope.

Meditate on the following: Psalm 71:5; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:24-25; James 1:2-4

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word." - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17