

August 30, 2020 Pastor Jason  
*Born Again- A Heavenly Inheritance*

**Key Text:** 1 Peter 1:1-12

**Prominent mentions of Peter in the gospel records:** Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 10:1-42, Matthew 14:24-33. Matthew 17:1-9, John 13:16-20, Matthew 26:30-35, Luke 24:34, John 21

1. Believers are born again to a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Living hope produces \_\_\_\_\_ amid various trials.
3. Living hope helps our \_\_\_\_\_ amid various trials.
4. The prophets of old \_\_\_\_\_ beforehand of the salvation that was to come.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ are interested in God's eternal plan.

**Additional Study: *Born Again- A Heavenly Inheritance***

**Read 1 Peter 1:1-12 and answer the following questions.**

- 1) What are the main points of this chapter?
- 2) To whom does Peter address this epistle? Where were they located? (1)
- 3) What three things are said concerning their election? (2)
- 4) What has God done for us according to His abundant mercy? How was this done? (3)
- 5) What kind of inheritance does the Christian have? Where is it now? (4)
- 6) How are Christians kept (guarded) for their salvation? (5)
- 7) In what do Christians greatly rejoice? (5-6)
- 8) What benefits can come out of enduring grievous trials? (6-7)
- 9) Though they had not seen Jesus, what is said about Peter's readers. (8)
- 10) What would they receive as the end of their faith? (9)
- 11) What did the prophets of old testify about? (10-11)
- 12) When these prophets wondered about they were prophesying, what were they told? (12)

**Consider the following statements about hope. What would life be like without a living hope in God? What difference does hope make in your life?**

- HOPE IS A wonderful gift from God, a source of strength and courage in the face of life's harshest trials.
- When we are trapped in a tunnel of misery, hope points to the light at the end.
- When we are overworked and exhausted, hope gives us fresh energy.
- When we are discouraged, hope lifts our spirits.
- When we are tempted to quit, hope keeps us going.
- When we lose our way and confusion blurs the destination, hope dulls the edge of panic.
- When we struggle with a crippling disease or a lingering illness, hope helps us persevere beyond the pain.
- When we fear the worst, hope brings reminders that God is still in control.
- When we must endure the consequences of bad decisions, hope fuels our recovery.
- When we find ourselves unemployed, hope tells us we still have a future.
- When we are forced to sit back and wait, hope gives us the patience to trust.
- When we feel rejected and abandoned, hope reminds us we're not alone ... we'll make it.
- When we say our final farewell to someone we love, hope in the life beyond gets us through our grief.
- Put simply, when life hurts and dreams fade, nothing helps like hope.