

Resurrection Hope (1 Peter 1:3-12)

Introduction: The Need for Hope

The Foundation of Hope

The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our living hope
which is eternally secure and will be fully and finally possessed in heaven.

[\(1 Peter 1:3-5\)](#)

So, praise God for His mercy!

The Benefits of Hope

Because we believe in Jesus and love Him—though we do not see Him—
we endure the testing of our faith in anticipation of a glorious salvation.

[\(1 Peter 1:6-9\)](#)

So, rejoice in the midst of your waiting!

The Culmination of Hope

The Old Testament writers eagerly anticipated
the gracious good news that was fulfilled
in Christ's death, resurrection, and exaltation.

[\(1 Peter 1:10-12\)](#)

So, take advantage of the provision of living hope through faith in Jesus.

*Praise be to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Christ from the dead.*

Next Steps

- Praise God for His mercy.
- Rejoice in the midst of your waiting.
- Take advantage of the provision of living hope through faith in Jesus.

This Week's Growth Guide

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)
- **Tuesday** - [1 Corinthians 15:12-28](#)
- **Wednesday** - [1 Corinthians 15:29-34](#)
- **Thursday** - [1 Corinthians 15:35-49](#)
- **Friday** - [1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#)

Home Church

Our Home Churches meet weekly to facilitate quicker relational depth, study the same passage taught Sunday to help apply Scripture in the context of community, and pray with one another. ***Home Church helps our body seek God's best for one another.***

Home Church Questions

These questions are adapted from Scott Duvall, "1 Peter: Living in God's Grace"

- Peter says we are "temporary residents" or foreigners in this world. Yet it seems like many Christians today forget this and spend all their time and energy seeking the world's approval and acceptance. Where does this lead?
- What helps you remember that our citizenship is not in this world but in God's kingdom? Why is this a big deal?
- How is biblical hope different (and much better than) wishful thinking?
- How is a "living hope" far superior to what we might call a "dead hope"? What would be the difference between the two?
- What would it be like if you had nothing to look forward to in life? How hopeless do you think our world really is? Explain your answer.
- How can focusing on our future help us move through daily trials? In other words, how can hope help us now? Do we really let that happen?
- We often hear the saying, "where there is life, there is hope", but we can also say, "where there is hope, there is life." To what extent are you allowing hope to shape your life now? How can you let Hope play its full role in encouraging and strengthening you?

Easter Offering

Our annual special offering is being taken today.

The Easter Offering funds 2400 Gospel Opportunities to sensitive countries through Operation Christmas Child. This year the goal is to raise around \$30,000 to enable us to pack 2400 boxes during Fellowship's packing party in October.

We hope you consider joining us in reaching this goal with your contribution.

Please use the envelope found on your seat or go online

*<https://tinyurl.com/5acbydnk> and select **"Easter Offering"** from the options.*

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you joined the Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect" section of your bulletin, tear it off, and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

Fellowship Women's Brunch - Taste and See

Fellowship women, we are excited for you to join us Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. for brunch. Enjoy *great food* while we share some *exciting changes* in the Fellowship Women's Ministry. Text Heather at 501-339-5740 to RSVP. For child care text Shanna at 501-336-0332.

Silent Auction | April 20 | 5:45 PM

Summer mission trips are back and Fellowship has a team going to Arlington, TX, and to the Czech Republic. You can be a part by joining us for a free meal provided by Tacos4Life and bidding on some amazing items and needed services. **Bidding on items begins at 5:30 PM and food is being served from 5:45-7:00 PM.** The Silent auction will replace normal Wednesday youth, but families are encouraged to come and enjoy some food and support the mission teams.

Fellowship Kids

Next Sunday, April 24, Fellowship Kids Ministry (Pre-school – 4th grade) will join their parents in the main auditorium and lead the opening worship song. VBS is right around the corner and we are giving you a sneak peek, as well as an invitation to invest in the children this summer during VBS.

Fellowship on the Lawn | May 1 | 4:30 PM

Food trucks, community, fun, and inflatables for the kids to enjoy are all part of Fellowship on the Lawn. Food truck options will be American food, Mexican food, BBQ, and Kona Ice. Kid options will be around \$5 and adult options will range from \$8-12. Kona Ice is provided for all during from 5:30-6:30 PM. Grab your lawn chairs and join us Sunday, May 1, at 4:30 PM here on the lawn at Fellowship!

Fellowship Kids VBS | July 11-15

Save the date and be watching for the launch of Fellowship Kid's 2022 VBS. We have ample opportunities for you to come to serve that week as well. For information on where you can use your gifts and talents, email Heather McKinney at hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org.

Finances

Weekly Budget 28,846

Giving For 04/03 24,907

Giving For 04/10 38,505

YTD Budget 1,182,692

YTD Giving 1,380,288

OVER/UNDER 197,595

Generations Campaign

Total Pledge 1,535,065

Received-to-date 1,637,688