

A wooden cross is the central focus, with a white cloth draped over its arms. The background is a soft, warm glow, suggesting a bright light source. The wood of the cross has a natural grain pattern. The overall mood is peaceful and welcoming.

welcome



# Easter Offering





A close-up photograph of a wooden cross. The cross is made of dark, weathered wood. A white, slightly translucent cloth is draped over the cross, with some folds and shadows. The background is a soft, warm, out-of-focus light, possibly from a window or a lamp, creating a gentle glow. The word "Prayer" is written in a large, elegant, serif font across the center of the image, overlaid on the white cloth.

# Prayer



# “Resurrection Hope”

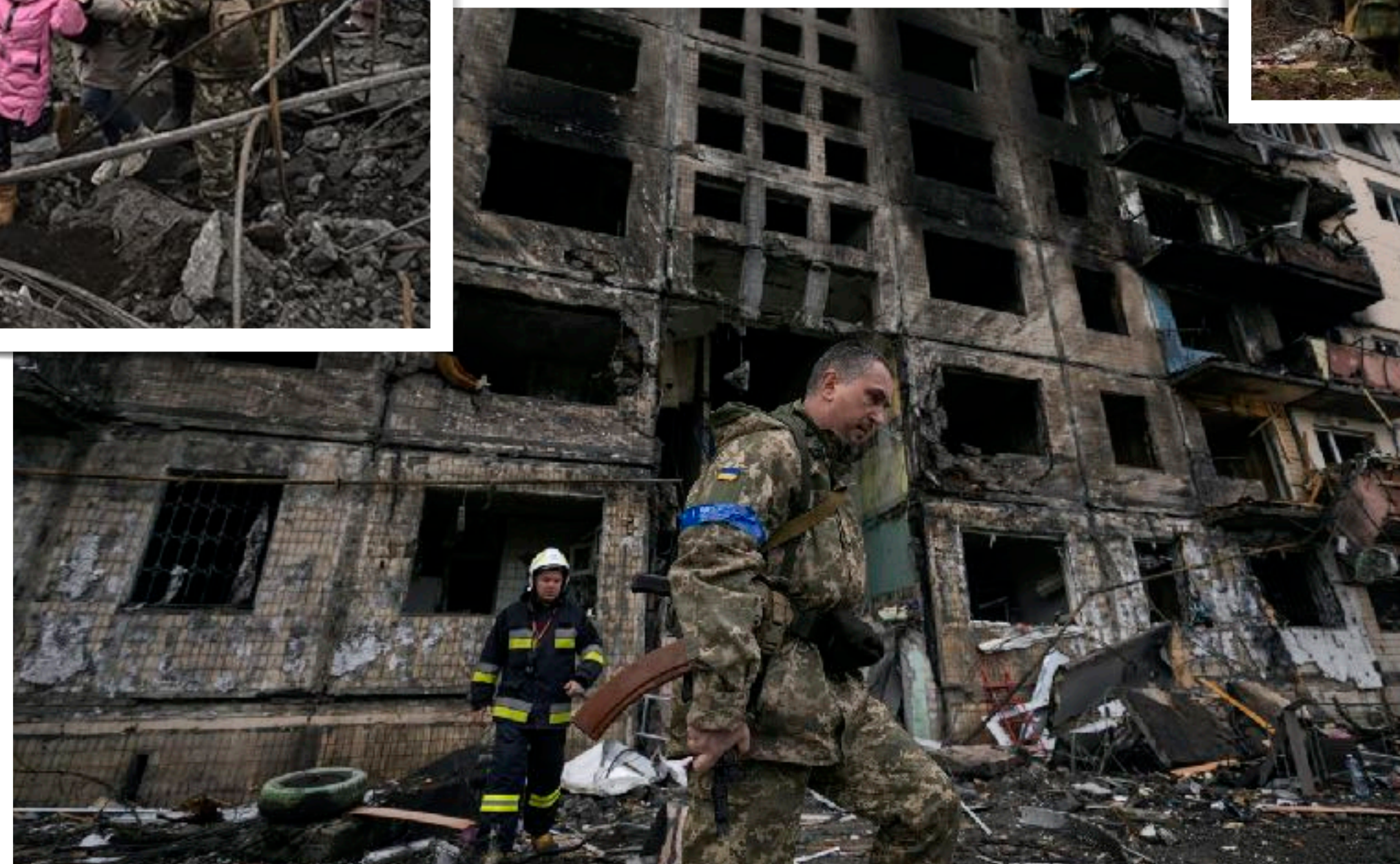
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1 Peter 1:3-12



# “The Need for Hope”

*Just look around the world!*

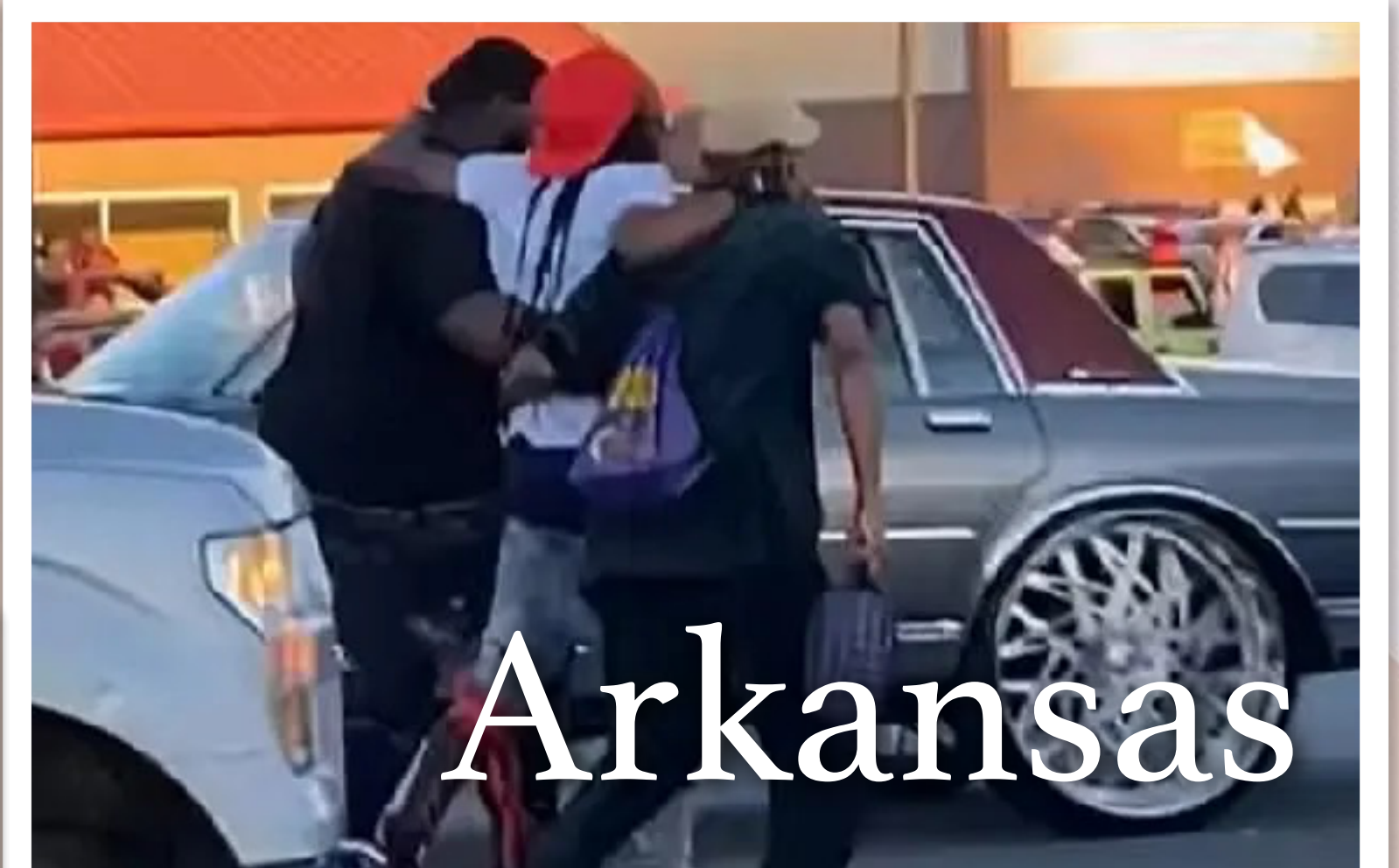




# “The Need for Hope”

*Just look around the United States!*

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# “The Need for Hope”

*Just look around the church!*



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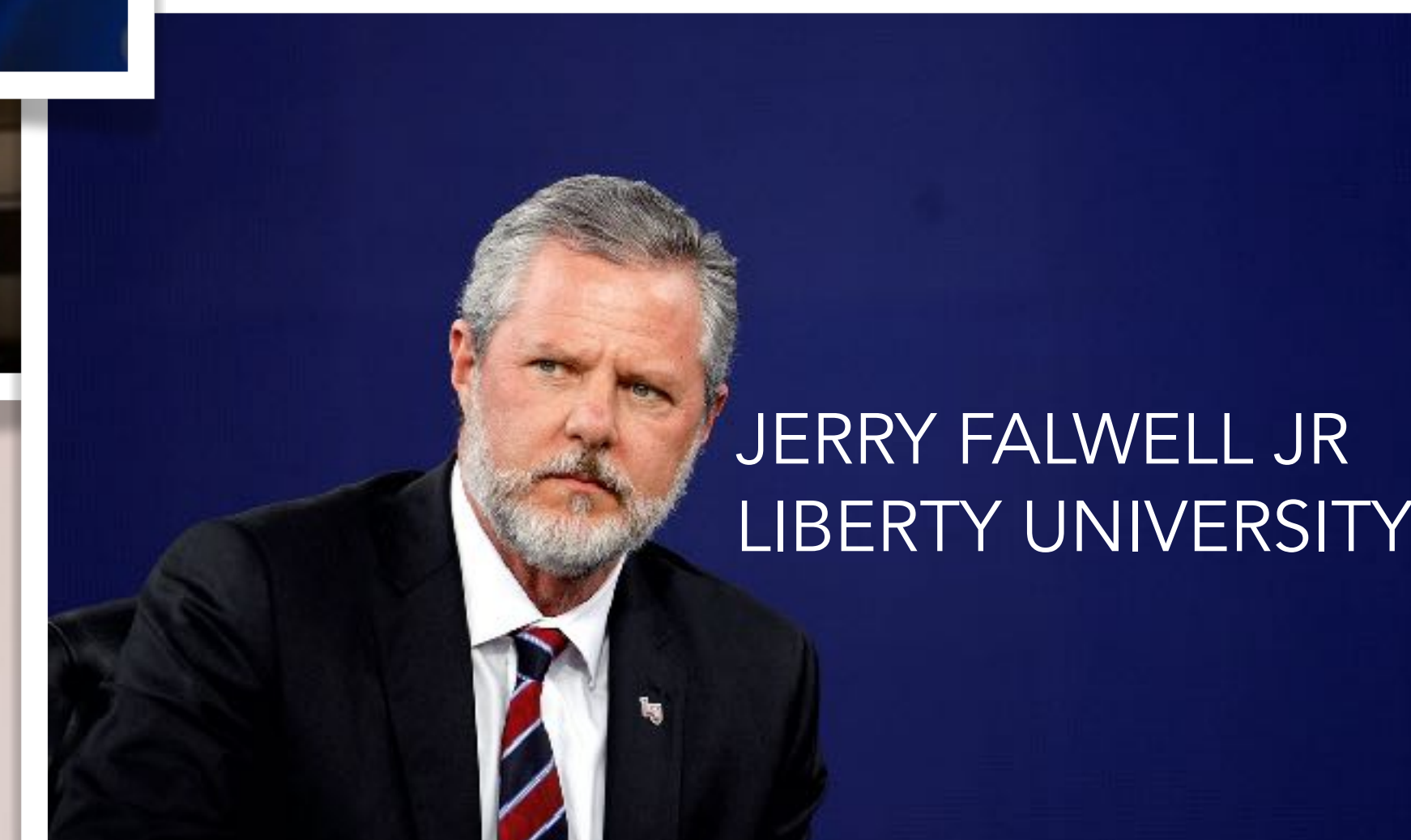
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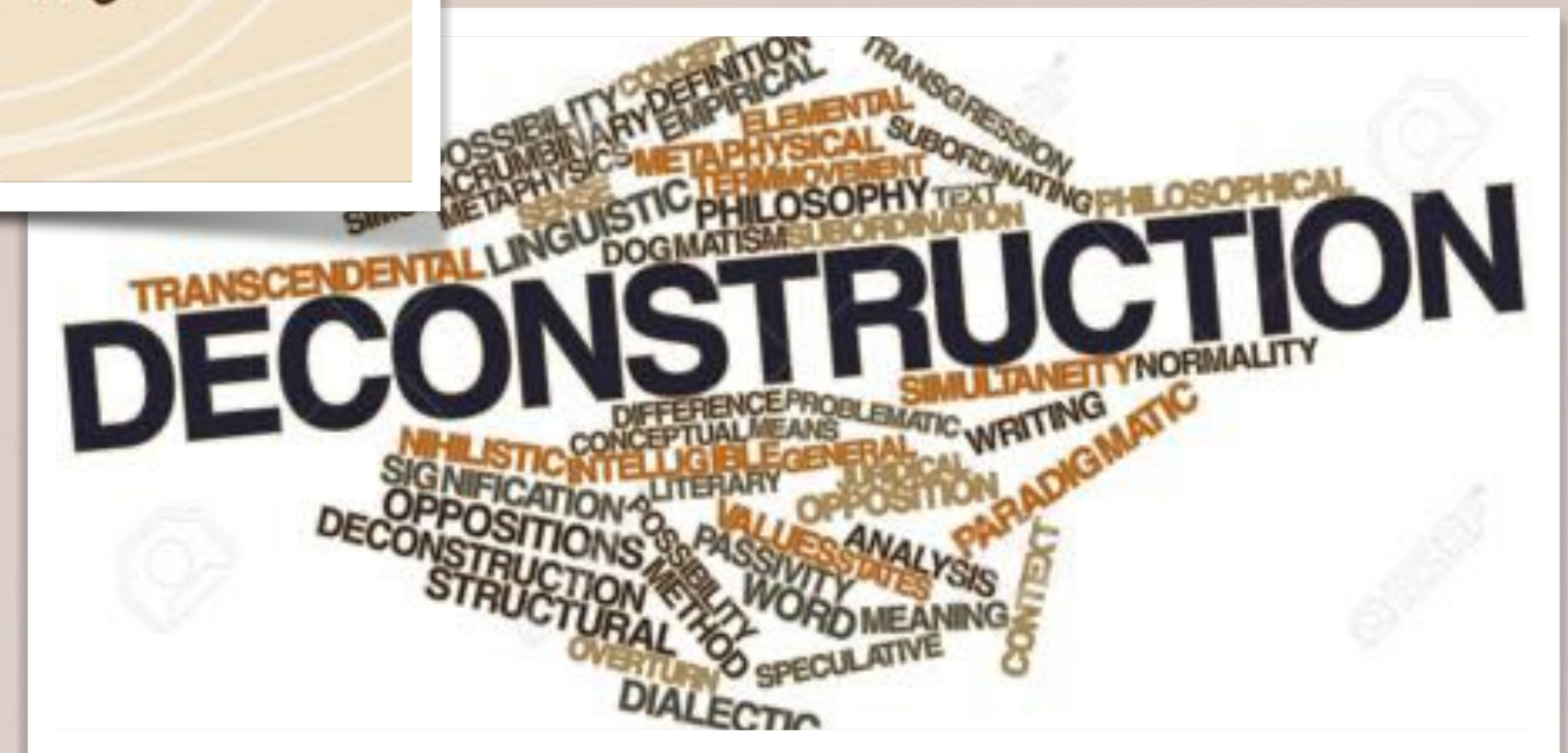
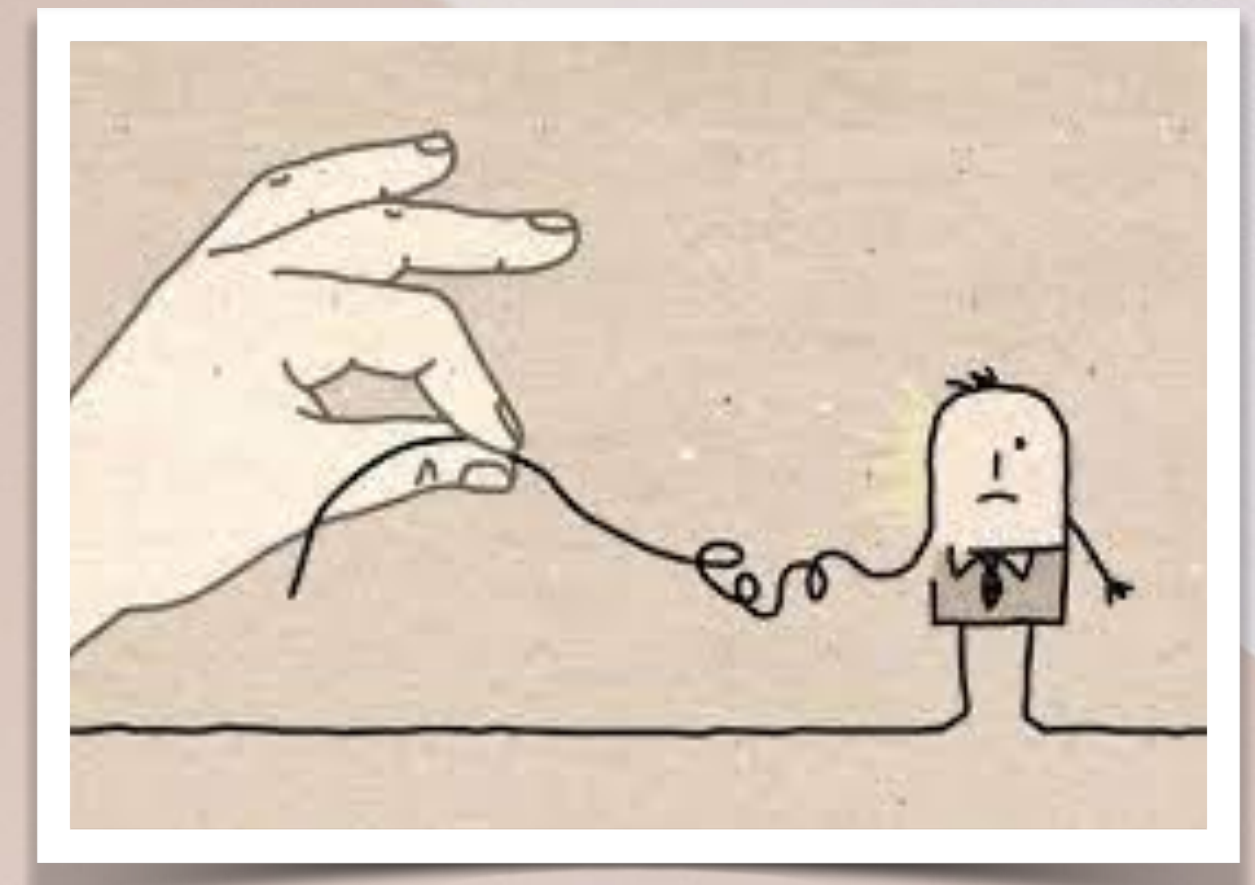
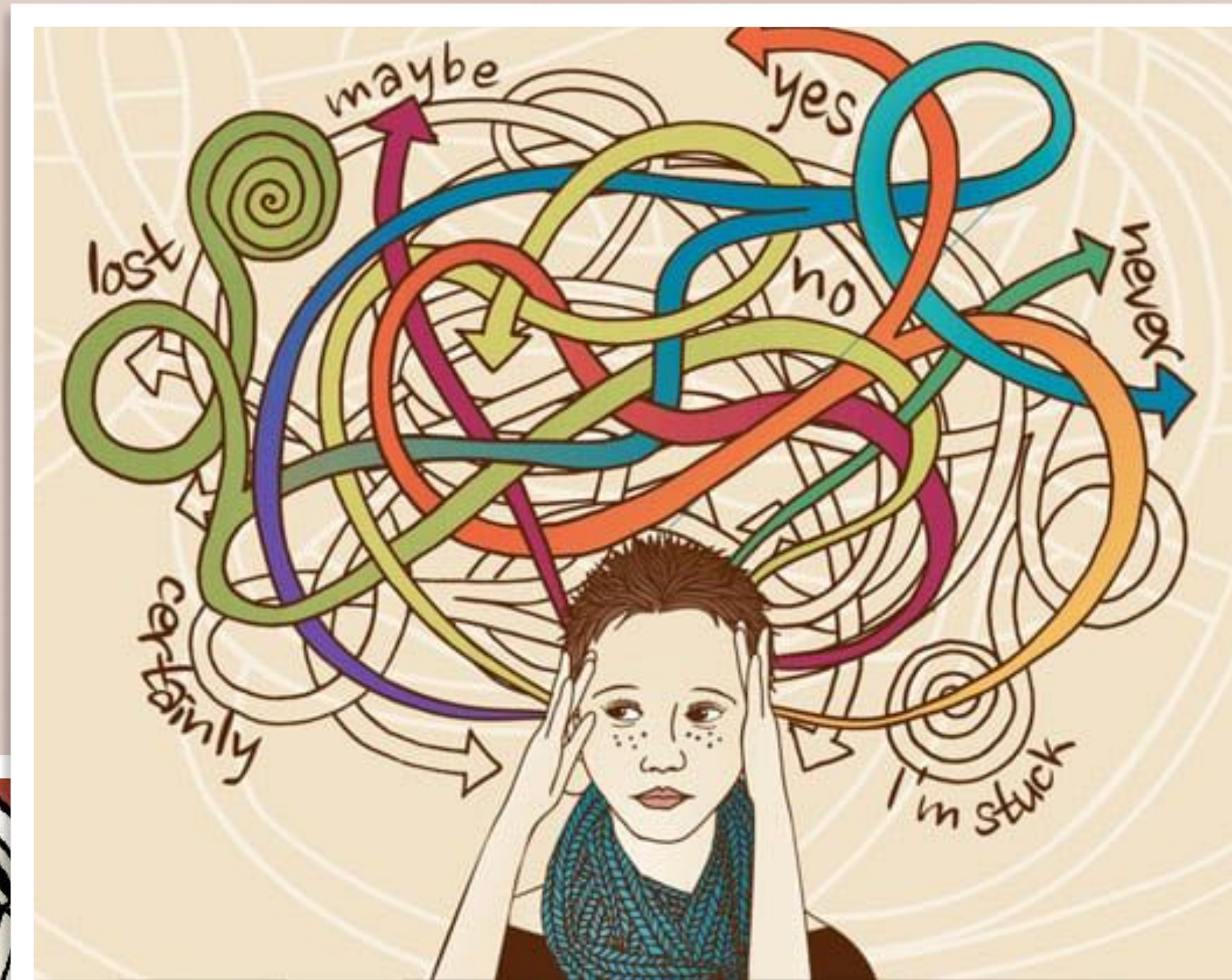
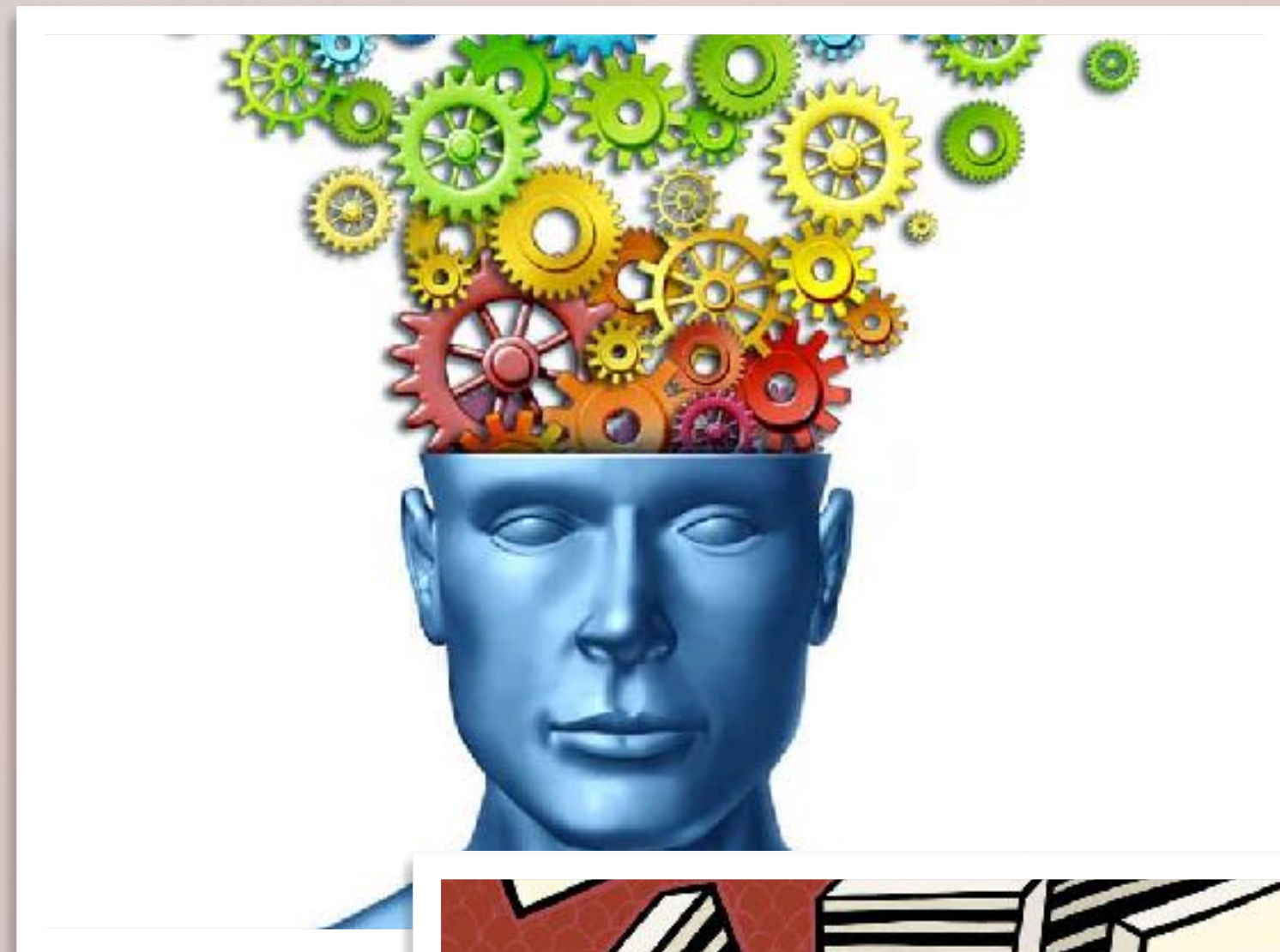


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# “The Need for Hope”

## *Deconstructing Christians*





# “The Need for Hope”

*Just look around!*

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# “Resurrection Hope”

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1 Peter 1:3-12



# The Message of 1 Peter

## Grace and Glory for Suffering Exiles

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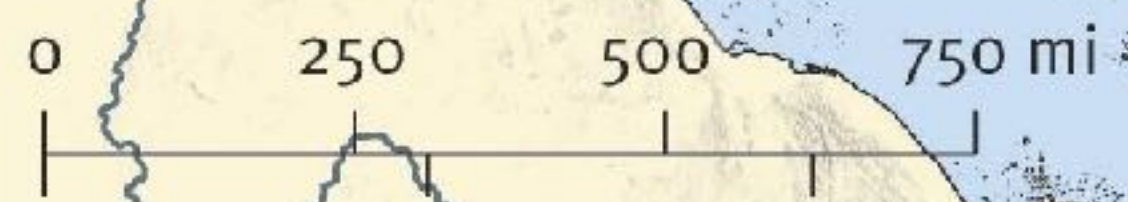








- Roman Empire at its greatest extent (A.D. 117)
- Growth of Christianity during the first century
- Growth of Christianity during the second century











**PETER & HIS FAMILY**

1. Mentioned 188 times in the NT, he is the most well known of the original disciples. Simeon (Hebrew) and Simon (Greek) are each used 49 times.
3. His nickname, given by Jesus, is Cephas, means "Rock" or "Rocky" (Jn 1:42).
4. Son of Jonah (Mt 16:17).
5. His brother, Andrew (Mk 1:16, 29; Jn 1:40, 44) who was a disciple of John brought him to Christ (Jn 1:35-42).
6. He was married and came from Bethsaida (Mk 1:30; 1 Co 9:5).
8. He was a successful family fisherman (Mt 1:18; Mk 1:16; Lk 5:1-10).

**HIS MINISTRY**

1. He was the first disciple Jesus called (Mt 1:18; Mk 1:16; Lk 5:1-10).
2. He is always listed first among the disciples (Mk 3:16-19, et al).
3. He was brash and impulsive (Mk 9:5-6; Jn 13:8-10; Ac 10:14 et. al).
4. He was courageous in confessing Christ (Mk 8:28) and preaching at Pentecost (Acts 2).
5. He took the Gospel to the first Gentile (Ac 10).
7. He is the main character in Acts 1-12.
8. He had a conflict with Paul in Antioch over separating from Jews (Gal. 2:11-14).
9. He wrote to churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter) and Church History associates his later ministry with Antioch, Corinth, and Rome where he is said to have been crucified upside down by Nero in 64/65.

# PETER: Grace and Glory for Suffering Exiles

REMEMBER The Glory of Salvation		EMBRACE The Glory of Suffering		SUBMIT The Glory of Humility		
Epistolary Prescript: Peter to the scattered elect, sanctified to be obedient	<b>The Glories of Salvation</b> The believer has been born again. (1:3-5) • A living hope (1:3) • An incorruptible inheritance (1:4-5) The believer is being grieved by trials. (1:6-12) • For a time by necessity 1:6 • For the purifying of faith (1:7-8) • For the "salvation of the soul." (1:9-12) The outcome of purified faith (1:9) Pondered by the prophets because it connects suffering and glory (1:10-11) Reserved for the present believers (1:12a) Wondered at by the angels (1:12b)	<b>Theme Stated:</b> <i>Live in the midst of suffering with steadfast holy hope which leads to the fullest experience of your glorious salvation.</i>	<b>The Glories of Suffering</b> Salvation of the soul is worked out in relation to God. (1:17-21) • Out of reverential fear as one who will give an account (1:17) • Out of respect for the price of redemption (1:18-21) Salvation of the soul is worked out in relation to the brethren. (1:22-2:10) • Through constant love individually (1:22-25) • Through spiritual growth collectively (2:1-10) Salvation of the soul is worked out in relation to the world. (2:11-3:7) • Through abstaining from fleshly lusts (2:11-12) • Through submitting to human authority (2:13-3:7) Submitting to government (2:13-17) Submitting to masters (2:18-25) -When suffering wrongfully (2:18-20) -Because Christ suffered for us (2:21-25) Submitting in marriage (3:1-7) Salvation of the soul is worked out in relation to suffering. (3:8-4:19) • Through a life supported by a good conscience (3:8-4:6) The blessing of an obedient life (3:8-12) Suffering in spite of an obedient life (3:13-17) Suffering with a good conscience (3:18-4:6) • Through a life captivated by and focused on God's glory (4:7-19) Serve to God's glory (4:7-11) Suffer for God's glory (4:12-19)	<b>The Glories of Humility</b> Humbly lead the church as those who will give an account (5:1-4) Humbly submit to those in authority to experience God's grace (5:5) Humble yourself as a part of submitting to God (5:6-7) Be on guard against the devil and resist him by standing firm (5:8-9)	<b>Epilogue:</b> Final Doxology: The grace of God will empower you (5:10-11). Final Charge: Stand fast in the true grace of God (5:12-14).	
1:1-2	1:3	1:12	1:13	1:16	4:19	
Prologue	Introduction		Theme		Body: Endure suffering for the glory of God	
Prescript	Exordium		Keynote		Probatio	
Conclusion		Epilogue		Peroration		
Final Words		Final Words		Final Words		

*Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. (1:13)*

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# Introduction to 1 Peter

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

1 Peter 1:1-2



# aliens, foreigners, sojourners, refugees (παρεπίδημος)

- 1) one who comes from a foreign country into a city or land to reside there by the side of the natives, 2) a stranger, 3) sojourning in a strange place, a foreigner, 4) in the NT metaphor in reference to heaven as the native country, one who sojourns on earth (NET).



“Strangers in the world” points to the fact that Christians are “pilgrims” who do not reside permanently on earth. They belong to the heavenly realm (cf. Eph. 2:19; Phil 3:20; Heb. 11:13-16).

*Edwin Blum*





# Citizenship in Heaven

For our *citizenship is in heaven*, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Philippians 3:20



# Citizenship in Heaven

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

*Leviticus 19:33:34*



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# Application

- *Alien Status of Christians* - sojourners in the world
  - foreigners living outside their true home
- *Trinity Focus of Salvation* -
  - Selection by God - *initiation*
  - Sanctification of the Spirit - *empowerment*
  - Sacrifice of the Son - *provision*

1 Peter 1:1-2



God the Father planned salvation; Jesus accomplished God's plan through his life, death, resurrection, and ascension; and the Holy Spirit enacts or applies what Jesus has done to the lives of believers.

*Jim Samra*





# “Resurrection Hope”

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1 Peter 1:3-12



[1 Peter 1:3-12] is a praise to the Father that overflows into a fuller praise touching on the joyful expectation of salvation, on how that expectation can sustain Christians in suffering, and on how privileged they ought to feel about being the ones who get to enjoy that salvation after a millenia of expectation.

Scot McKnight





# 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



# Foundation of Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5



# Foundation of Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who gave us new birth

(1) flowing out of his great mercy

(2) resulting in a living hope

- through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

(3) pointing to an imperishable, unspoiling, unfading inheritance

- which is kept in heaven for you,

by God's power

- through faith in the salvation prepared,

to be revealed in the end

1 Peter 1:3-5



The important thing to see here is that biblical “hope” isn’t just wishful thinking. We say things like, “I hope it doesn't rain” or I hope the Razorbacks win” but biblical hope is so much more than this. Hope, as the Bible understands it, is a *confident expectation that God will keep his promises*. Faith is oriented to the present while Hope is attentive to the future. To say we have hope is to say that we have a future, that we have something solid to look forward to.

Scott Duwall





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imperishable, unspoiling, unfading  
(ἄφθαρτον καὶ ἀμίαντον καὶ ἀμόραντον)

Two things are happening here. First each word starts with “ἄ” {alpha privative - “a” at the beginning of a word indicating negation, i.e. “agnostic” and “atheist”}; secondly, each word ends with the same sound “τον”. Peter is obviously trying to be poetic by stringing these three words together.



“The inheritance  
is untouched by death,  
unstained by evil,  
unimpaired by time”.

*F.W. Beare*





# Application

- Salvation flows out of God's grace -  
*not our performance*
- Salvation is based on the resurrection of Christ -  
*not our performance*
- Salvation is secure because of the power of God -  
*not our performance*
- Salvation is obtained by faith is God's provision -  
*not our performance*

1 Peter 1:1-2



# The Application of Hope

*Praise God for His mercy.*

1 Peter 1:3-5



# The Benefits of Hope

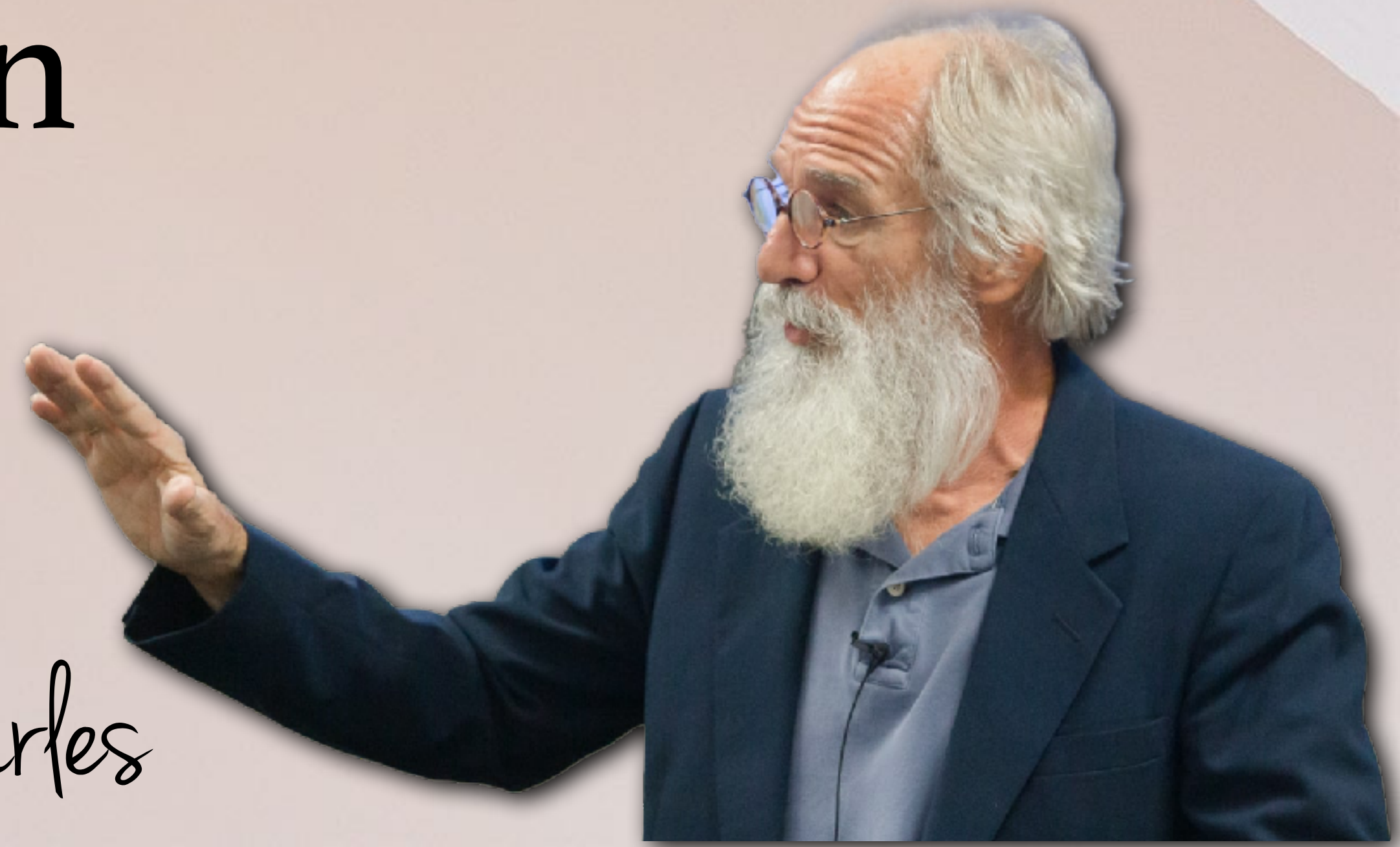
*Because we believe in Jesus and love Him—  
though we do not see Him—  
we endure the testing of our faith  
in anticipation of a glorious salvation.*

1 Peter 1:6-9



Based on the material that follows, the character of the trials confronting the readers appears to be related to hostility that issues out of the tension between culture and Christian faith.

*J. Daryl Charles*





# Benefits of Hope

In this you *rejoice*, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7



Contemplating salvation and its forthcoming climax generates great joy in the hearts of the believers, a joy so great they can endure suffering.

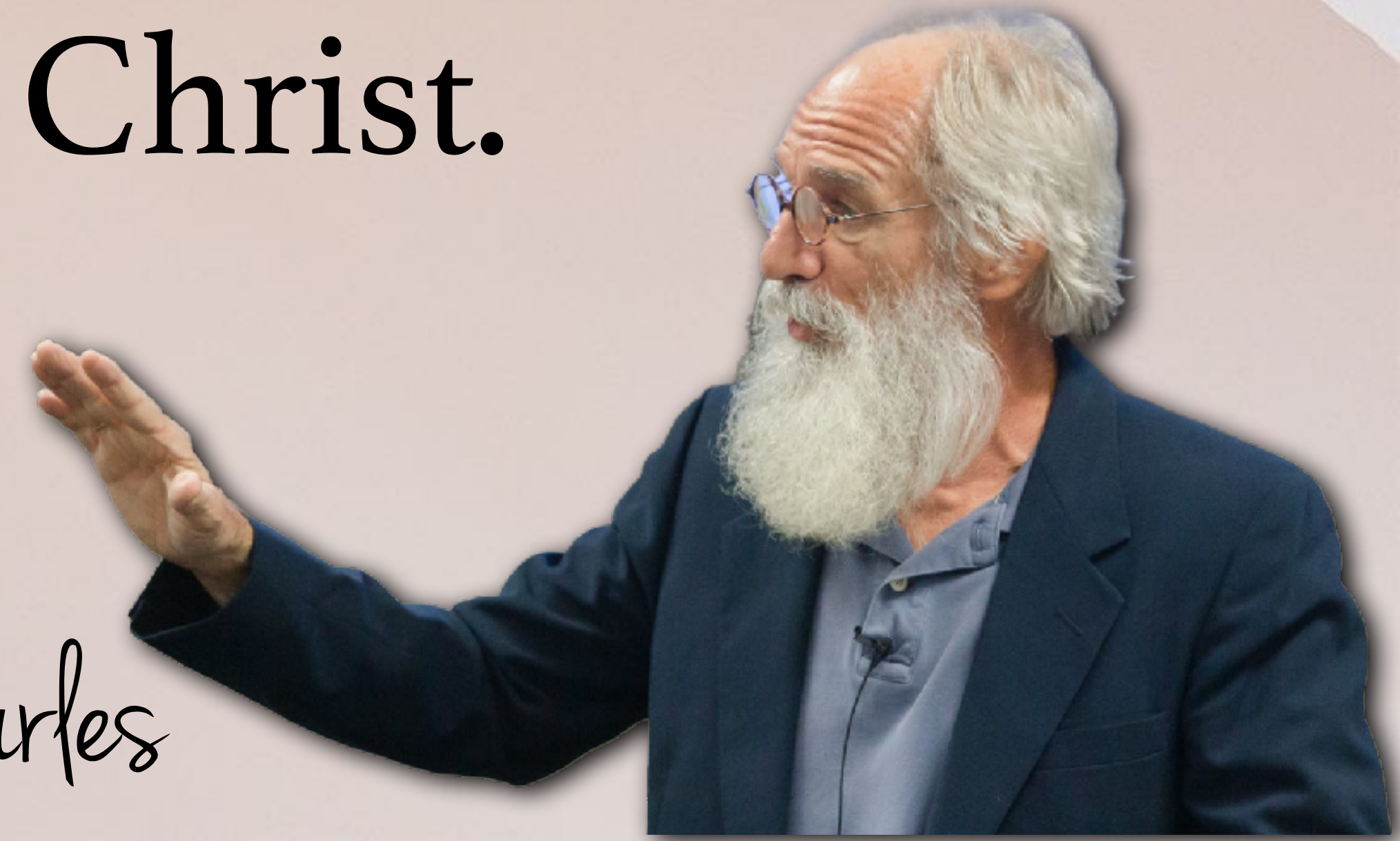
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In sum, the result of their testing—a result that is enduring, indeed eternal—is twofold: (1) one’s faith is stronger and more valuable, and, (2) the believer garners “praise glory and honor” at the appearance of Jesus Christ.

*J. Daryl Charles*





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When the proven genuineness of believers' faith is made known, the God who has shielded believers by his power will receive praise, glory, and honor, and the believers whose faith it is—"your faith"—will likewise receive recognition for that faith. Both God's glory and the believer's participation in the glory are strong themes throughout this letter.

*Jim Samra*





# Benefits of Hope

Though you have not seen him, you love him.  
Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8-9



# Reasons to Rejoice in Suffering

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- A Living Hope (1:3)
- A Permanent Inheritance (1:4)
- A Divine Protection (1:5)
- A Developing Faith (1:6-7)
- An Unseen Savior (1:8)
- A Guaranteed Deliverance (1:9)

Chuck Swindoll





# Application

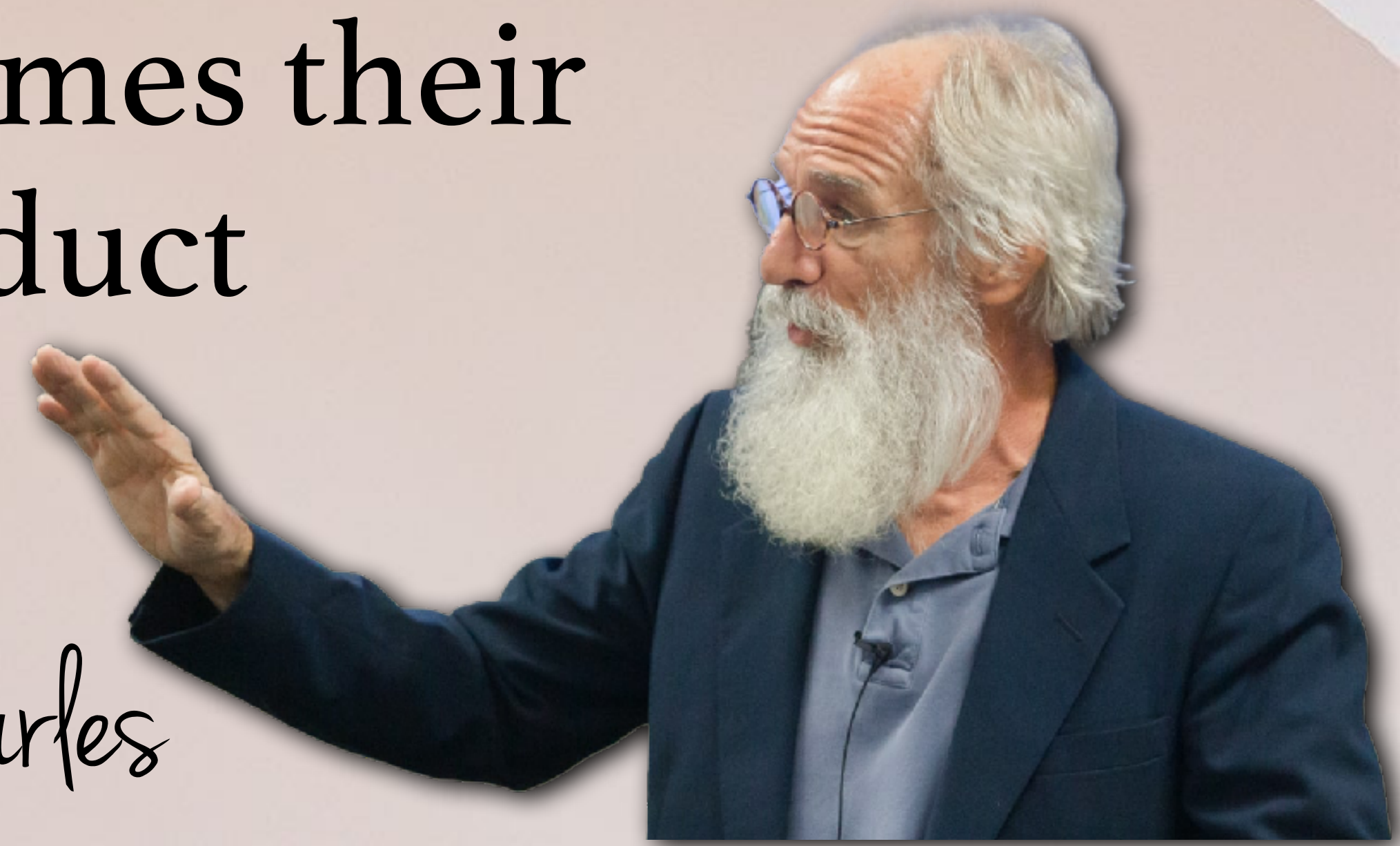
- Trials are inevitable,  
*so don't be surprised.*
- Trials are to prove the genuineness of your faith,  
*not trip you up in your faith.*
- We believe and love a Savior we do not see,  
*so faith is essential.*
- Joy in this life is really possible,  
*when you take the long range view.*

1 Peter 1:1-2



The *ground* for Christian hope is mercy—indeed, “great mercy” that results in the person’s “new birth” spiritually. The *assurance* for Christian hope is rooted in “the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” *A realization of the basis* of their hope will affect both how the saint embraces the suffering that comes their way and their standard of conduct before a watching world.

J. Daryl Charles





# The Application of Hope

*Rejoice in the midst of your waiting!*

1 Peter 1:6-9



# 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*



# Culmination of Hope

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

*1 Peter 1:10-12*



**searched and inquired**  
(ἐξεζήτησαν καὶ ἐξηραύνησαν)

These two words reflect an investigation that is *intense* and *thorough*. Josephus uses the combination to refer to an invading military force going from house to house seeking information and questioning residents.



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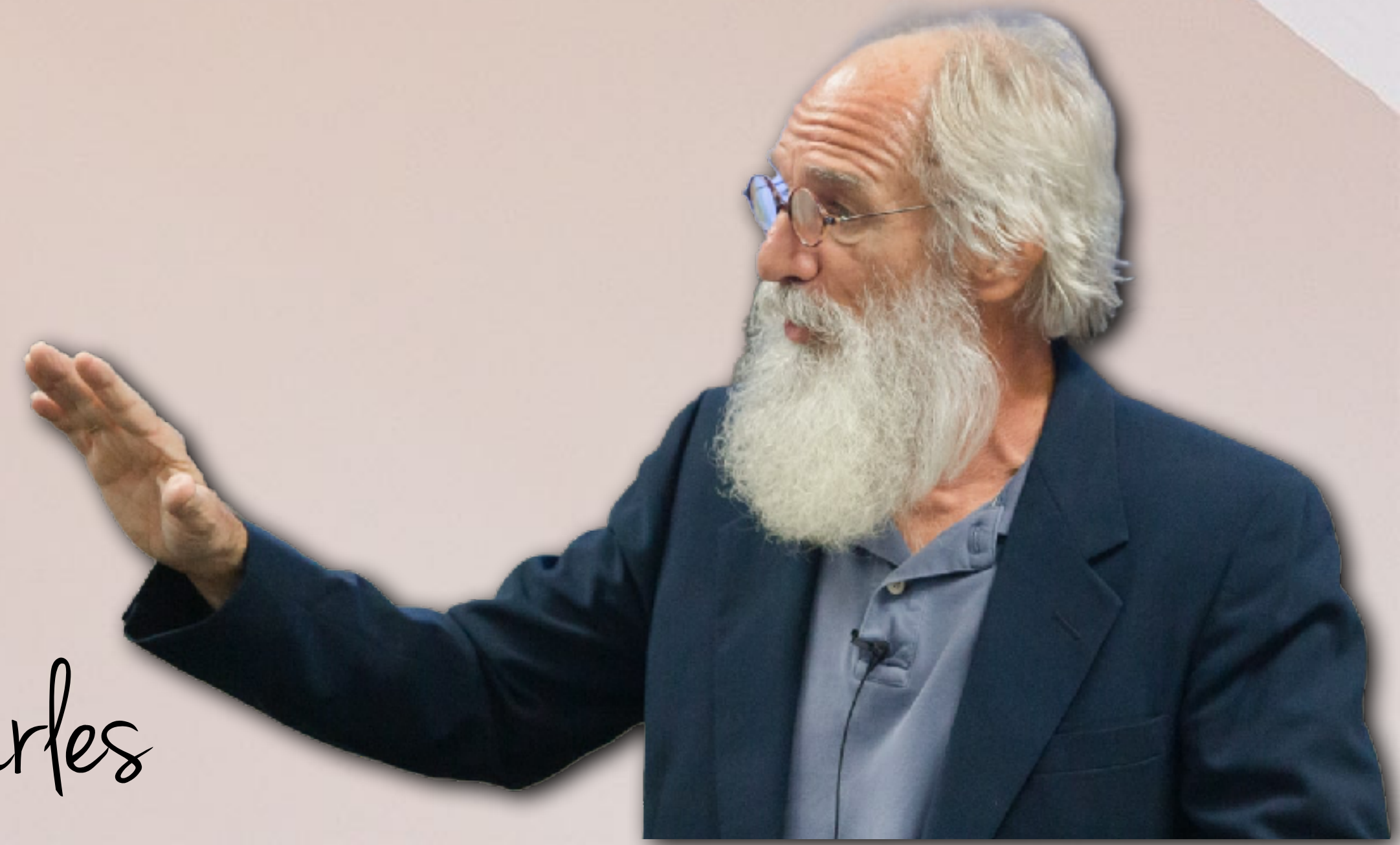
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Christ is presented in 1 Peter as a model, and his example beckons the reader in two fundamental ways:

- (1) He suffered, *like them*, and
- (2) he was vindicated *like they will be*.

J. Daryl Charles





# Culmination of Hope

It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

1 Peter 1:10-12



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(εἰς ἃ ἐπιθυμοῦσιν ἄγγελοι παρακύψαι)

The two words used to describe the angels yearning to understand the nature of our salvation highlights both the *desire* (the first word is a common word for “lust” or “zeal”) and *fascination* (the second word means literally “to lean the head sideways”).  
The angels are curious about our salvation.



# The Application of Hope

*Take advantage of the provision of living hope  
through faith in Jesus!*

*1 Peter 1:10-12*



# The Hope of Resurrection

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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.

1 Peter 1:3



# NEXT STEPS

Praise God for His mercy.

Rejoice in the midst of your waiting.

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