

I PETER 1:3-9: "GOD DIDN'T BRING ME THIS FAR TO LEAVE ME NOW!"  
"HANGING ON TO HOPE"

v. 3 sets the stage

I. GOD'S MERCY BROUGHT ME INTO HIS \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3

Ps. 51:1 - Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

II. CHRIST'S RESURRECTION GIVES ME \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3

We are born into our hope through the New Birth. The foundation of our hope is  
Christ's resurrection.

Faith centers on specific and definite objects; hope centers on \_\_\_\_\_.  
If we didn't have hope, we wouldn't have faith. Hope is "a full assurance, or strong  
confidence that God is going to do good to us in the future".

A. Hope is confidence in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Hope is Christ-centered. Col. 1:27 - Christ in you, the hope of glory;  
I Tim. 1:1 - Christ, who is our hope.

C. Hope is manifested in stability, steadfastness, and certainty.

D. Hope is faith directed toward the \_\_\_\_\_. I Peter 1:13; Titus 2:13

III. I HAVE AN INHERITANCE! V. 4

A. It can \_\_\_\_\_ perish - it isn't subject to decay

B. It can \_\_\_\_\_ spoil - it is pure

C. It can \_\_\_\_\_ fade - it is perennial

D. It is kept in heaven for me! - "to watch, to observe, to guard, to take care of."

IV. I AM SHIELDED BY GOD'S POWER v. 5 "guard, protect"

A. I am shielded by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

b. I am also shielded through my \_\_\_\_\_

V. WHAT I NEED TO BELIEVE - 1:6-9 "all kinds of trials"

A. Trials are temporary - v. 6 "for a little while" II Cor. 4:17 - "for a moment".

B. Trials teach me that I can \_\_\_\_\_ God - v. 7

C. My faith will be rewarded - v. 8,9,13 - "Well done, good and faithful servant"

