

Good Reasons for Hope

1 Peter 1 v1-12

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HOPE

“A DESIRE for something good with an expectation that it will become a REALITY”

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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A Link between 1 Peter and the Frontline Sundays series

- A. Our Identity? In whom, what or where?
- B. Our response? What will we do about it?

Dependent on:

Confidence - in whom and in what we believe

1 Peter – applied, practical theology



1 Peter - Background

When? - Probably AD 63/64

By whom? - The Apostle Peter with the help of Silas

What is it? - A circular letter

To whom?

A) Churches scattered across Northern Turkey

B) “Friends” and “fellow elders” known to Peter

Why? – Hope and Encouragement to Christians under pressure

“A Living Hope”

Consisting of:

- 1) Great Mercy; and Abundant Grace
- 2) Experience of New Birth
- 3) Prospect of Inheritance
- 4) Certainty of Salvation, encompassing our –
 - ❖ Past
 - ❖ Present
 - ❖ Future

“Living Hope” - A Closing Prayer

“May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.”

(Psalm 33:22)