

A Living Hope for Hopeful Living

1 Peter 1:4-5



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile World

euangelizo: literally, to preach the **good news**. → **evangelism**

euangeleon (noun) → **gospel**

megas: great (great joy) → **mega** = large, great, or grand

The angel was announcing
God's gospel news of mega-happiness.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all of the different tribes and nations of people, from among whom there are those God has chosen to extend His favor.

The good news is that with the birth of this baby, God's saving grace is being offered **outside the boundaries** of Judaism and graciously extended to **Gentiles from every tribe and nation around the world.**

May God's **good favor** and His friendship of **peace**
be yours in ever-increasing, always-multiplying amounts.

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Our hope is **not wishful thinking**.

It lives in what God has done for us and in who Jesus is in us.

We have a **living** hope because we have a **living** Savior.

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III. The Reward of Your Living Hope (1 Peter 1:4)

Your heavenly inheritance is *imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away.*

Imperishable = uncorrupted/undecaying.

→ Your salvation is not subject to breaking down; it lasts forever, is eternal.

Root of *imperishable* = perishable, destruction, or death

→ prefix “*a*” negates meaning, becomes **nonperishable**;
literally **immortal/undying**.

→ There is no shelf life or expiration date on your inheritance.

Root of *undefiled* = to paint in color, to stain

→ prefix “*a*” negates meaning, becomes pure or unstained

will not fade away = will never lose its quality and beauty,
so that it will remain **full** in what it is, **forever**.

Four truths of God's gift of hope:

I. The Source of Your Living Hope

II. The Means of Your Living Hope

III. The Reward of Your Living Hope

IV. The Guarantee of Your Living Hope

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