

A wish brings apprehension.

Hope brings expectation.

**Biblical hope is a confident expectation God will do what He says He will do.**

1 Peter 1:3-9

### **The Guarantee of Salvation (3-5)**

- Through the resurrection of Jesus (3)
- Kept in Heaven (4)
- By God's power (5)

### **The Joy of Salvation (6-9)**

- Even though grieved by trials (6)
- Knowing God will grow our faith in Him (7)
- Knowing God will grow our love for Him (8-9)

*"Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all ... As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength." -G.K. Chesterton*

*"A 'living hope' is one that has life in it and therefore can give life to us." -Warren Wiersbe*

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. In what or in whom do most people place their hope?
2. What is the connection between knowing (believing) what God has done verses 3-5 and rejoicing through hard times in verses 6-7? In what ways does knowing what God has done in the past (and will do in the future) affect our view of the present?
3. What kinds of trials have you experienced that tested your faith? What impact did it have on your faith? How did it grow your love for God?