



"We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms -- to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's **HOPE** FOR EVERYDAY LIFE own way." (p. 62, Viktor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning)

"A man who could not see the end of his 'provisional existence' was not able to aim at an ultimate goal in life. He ceased living for the future, in contrast to a man in normal life. Therefore the whole structure of his inner life changed; signs of decay set in..." (p. 66, Viktor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning)

"It is a peculiarity of man that he can only live by looking to the future....and this is his salvation in the most difficult moments of his existence, although, he sometimes has to force his mind to the task." (p. 68, Viktor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning)



Born Again Into a Living Hope

3 facets of God's living hope that enables His children to live now through any circumstance with joy



- I. The <u>Promise</u> of a New Creation A Blessed Coming Reality Where God's Children and Creation Are As It Should Be (1 Peter 1:3-5)
 - A. In you "Born again"
 - "...who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again..."



Ephesians 2:1-3, 12 - And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.



Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest...having no hope and without God in the world.



B. In <u>creation</u> – a coming indescribable "inheritance"/"salvation" – the only way to describe it is in the negative – "imperishable", "undefiled," "unfading"



1 Peter 2:4-6 - And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

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II. The <u>Provision</u> of a New Meaningful Way of Life Now – Faith Refined and On Display (1 Peter 1:6-9)



1 Peter 1:6-7 - In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- A. Faith a "precious" way of life
- B. Trials a testing and purifying of "loves"



1 Peter 1:8-9 - ...and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 4:12-13 - Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

III. The Prospect of Glory (1 Peter 1:10-12)

- A. "suffering and glories to follow"
- B. "praise, glory, and honor" (v. 7)



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