



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of April 17, 2022

Born Again to a Living Hope

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- What is “**hope**”? What are **you hoping for** this week?
- What **circumstances** do you think the original recipients of this letter faced that would **cause Peter to write this message**?
- What exactly is Peter’s “**living hope**”? (3)
- For the Christian, some things are “**now**”, some things are “**not yet**”. What does Peter say **we have now**? What is yet **to come**?
- Peter **sees so much love and joy** when he looks at the Church. **Why**?
- What about the **beauty of Jesus Christ is hitting your heart** in a fresh way these days, causing you to **love** and **rejoice**?
- **Repent, hope, and pray together** in light of this week’s passage.