

## **A LIVING HOPE** **I Peter 1:3-4**

**What inspires and encourages you?**

**I. ARE YOU MISERABLE?**     *Many of Jesus' associates were*

- A. The Penitent Thief was DESPERATE - Luke 23:41-42
- B. The crowds around the cross were DISTURBED - Luke 23:48
- C. Mary Magdelene was DISTRAUGHT - Luke 24:1-2
- D. The Emmaus disciples were DISAPPOINTED - Luke 24:20-21
- E. The eleven Disciples were DISMAYED - John 20:19
- F. The Corinthian Christians were DECEIVED - I Corinthians 15:16-19
  - 1. If Christ did not rise ... (16)
  - 2. Then ...
    - a. Their faith is worthless (17a)
    - b. They are still in their sins (17b)
    - c. The dead have perished (18)
    - d. Their condition is pitiable (19)

**II. HERE'S YOUR MESSAGE**

- A. LOOK TO CHRIST - I Peter 1:3-4
  - 1. By His great mercy ...
  - 2. We can be born again ...
  - 3. To a living hope ...
  - 4. Through Christ's resurrection from the dead ...
  - 5. Unto a heavenly inheritance (v. 4)
- B. THE ANTIDOTE TO MISERY IS HOPE!
  - 1. For the condemned there is hope in the saving Jesus
  - 2. For the hurting there is hope in the resurrected Lord
  - 3. For the dying there is hope in the living Christ
- C. OTHER THINGS DON'T GIVE HOPE

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**CONCLUSION:**

**Today you can turn to the resurrected Jesus and have your sins forgiven**

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account." - Romans 4:7-8

**A living hope overcomes loathsome misery**

**- Do you have this hope?**

**- Do you want this hope?**

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