



## Week 1 - Hope – 1 Peter 1:1-12

*"we have an expectation for the future, based not on the great deeds of a fallen martyr, but in a living and risen Saviour"*

- Peter begins with a "doxology" (glorifying words). What characteristics of God does Peter directly or indirectly point to in verses 3-5?

### Living Hope:

- What are the unique characteristics mentioned about the inheritance referred to in verse 4?
- How does it stand in contrast to a bequest from a wealthy relative?
- See how our inheritance is described in Ephesians 1:18...

### Tested Faith:

- Think about times when your faith has been tested - how have you responded?
- Read verses 6-7 together. What does Peter tell us about trials?
- What is the danger of trying to avoid or minimise trials and hard things in your life?
- What are the benefits of trials in our lives?
- What action can you take to ensure you 'live a Godly life in a hostile world' (David Pawson)?
- What are some specific ways you can bring praise, glory, and honour to Christ today as you endure trials in this life?
- Is there something specific you are walking through that you need to have a different perspective on?

### Joyful Love:

- How can we love God who we cannot see?
- Do you have the kind of glorious, inexpressible joy mentioned in verse 8? Why or why not?
- How do you express joy?
- How can we get more of this kind of joy?