



# HOPE

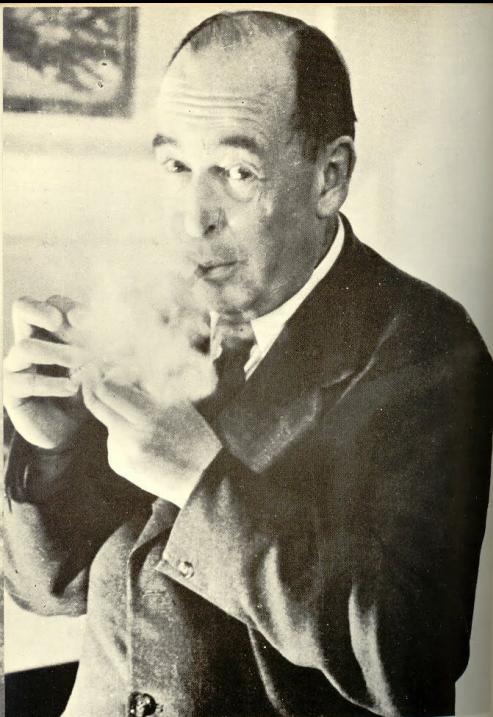
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# BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

If you find yourself with a desire that no experience in this world can satisfy, then the most probable explanation is that you were made for another world.



~ C. S. Lewis

One of the noblest books in the New Testament  
and a paragon of excellence on par with  
Romans...



~ Martin Luther

Peter exhorts Christians to engage the world as foreigners and resident aliens, having a healthy respect for the society and culture in which they live while at the same time

maintaining an appropriate separation from it.



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# Last Weeks Sermon:

## *Intro to 1 Peter*

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# Today's Sermon:

## *Reborn to Hope*

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The life of Jesus and the believer's life are inseparable in Peter's thought. In 1 Peter Jesus is not only the object of Christian faith; he is also the pattern of Christian destiny.



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## John 3:3-4

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup>“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Peter's conception of new birth includes "entrance into a new order of existence, but combines with it that of divine parentage: men enter the new life as children of its Author" (Hort 1898: 33). Thus, for the author of 1 Peter, God is not Father by virtue of his role as Creator but rather because of his distinctive role in the new birth of those whom he has chosen to be set apart for the new covenant in Christ.

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## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

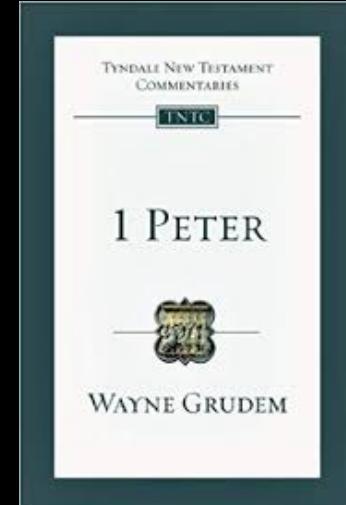
**Our motivation for Christian living, is built on the fact that our Savior is alive and gives us hope to endure even when our circumstances seem hopeless.**

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The “inheritance” of [those who are born again] is thus shown to be far superior to the earthly inheritance of the people of Israel in the land of Canaan. That earthly land was not “kept” for them, but was *taken from them* in exile, and later by Roman occupation. Even while they possessed the land, it produced rewards that *decayed*, rewards whose glory *faded* away. The beauty of the land’s holiness before God was repeatedly *defiled* by sin (Num. 35:34; Jer. 2:7; 3:2).



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# Kept by Faith

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This means that the chosen are given new birth into two things – hope and an inheritance – but they are also guarded by faith until salvation is fully realized at some future time. This thought answers nicely to the threatening situation being addressed by the letter.

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The certainty of future salvation animates the hope in which Christians now live, making the eschatological future a present reality. This is a consolatory technique intended to relieve feelings of oppression by so closely interweaving the glories of the future with the present that the present is transformed in the thought-world of Peter's readers (Tite 1997: 77).

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# Gospel Application:

*What or Who is your Hope in times of Trouble?*