

New Monday Evening Group Study:

- ▶ Starts Mon, April 29,
630pm
- ▶ Books are \$10
- ▶ Learn and grow with
others who want to
learn and grow!

A Living Hope

- ▶ Grace and peace be yours in abundance.
³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into *a living hope* through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

- ▶ 1 Peter 1.2-4

We live in a 'hope-less world:

- ▶ *Among the answers (to why suicide rates are increasing) must be this: **people are dying for lack of hope**. Secularism sucks the hope out of society. It reduces the world to a few decades between birth and hearse. Many people believe this world is as good as it gets, and let's face it. It's not that good.*

▶ Lucado, Max. *Unshakable Hope* (p. 10). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.

Do you have 'a living Hope?'

- ▶ How would you describe your life right now?
- ▶ How would those close to you describe it?
- ▶ You can have *Hope, Peace, and Rest* -
- ▶ ***These can only happen with a personal relationship with the risen one, Jesus!***

Jesus is our Living Hope!

▶ He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, yes who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

▶ Romans 8:31-34

▶ ¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, *set your hope* on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

▶ 1 Peter 1.13

Jesus wins, so *keep at it!*

- ▶ And now I want each of you to extend that same intensity toward ***a full-bodied hope***, and keep at it till the finish. Don't drag your feet. Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them.

- ▶ Hebrews 6.11-12, The Message