1 - **All About Hope**

1 Peter Chapter 1

2 – **Hope**

By Definition -

* “**’Favorable and confident expectation**’. It has to do with the unseen and the future,” (Vine)
* “to **anticipate**, usually with **pleasure**; expectation (abstractly or concretely) or **confidence**” (Strong's Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary)

3 – **Hope**

Lessons about Hope from 1st Peter Chapter 1.

* The **Nature** of our hope. (vs. 3-5)
* The **Power** of our hope. (vs. 6-9)
* The **Certainty** of our hope. (vs. 10-12)
* The **Application** of our hope. (vs. 13-17)
* The **Birth** of our hope. (vs. 18-25)

4 - **The Nature Of Our Hope –**

* 1 Peter 1:3-5 -
  + “...*born again to a* ***living hope****… an inheritance which is* ***imperishable*** *and* ***undefiled*** *and* ***will not fade away****,* ***reserved in heaven*** *for you*…”

**5 - The Nature Of Our Hope -**

It is a ***“Living Hope”*** because of what is hoped for… **Eternal Life**

* Titus 1:2-3, “***in the hope of eternal life****…*”
* Romans 2:5-7, *“...* ***to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life****”*
  + - John 6:68*, “Lord, to whom shall we go?* ***You have words of eternal life.****”*

6 - **The Nature Of Our Hope -**

* It is “**Imperishable**” -
  + "not liable to corruption or decay, incorruptible” (Vine)
  + “…it **is exclusive of all of which we are aware in the material world**. All that we see, handle, taste, smell, hear in this material world is subject to perishing. Nothing is abiding.” (Clinton Hamilton)
  + We hope for an *“****imperishable crown****”* (1 Cor. 9:25) and an *“****imperishable body****”* (1 Cor. 15:52)

**7 - The Nature Of Our Hope –**

* It is “**Undefiled**” -
  + “**Free from contamination**” (Vine)
  + “**Unsoiled… pure**” (Strong)
  + That which we hope for is “**free from contamination**” and so must we strive to be. (Rev. 21:27)
  + As our High Priest is! (Hebrews 7:23-26)

8 - **The Nature Of Our Hope –**

* It will not **“Fade Away”** -
  + **Perennial, losing nothing of its’ original glory or beauty**.
  + “Amarantos” - Amarantha, the unfading flower.
  + Our “***unfading crown of glory***” (1 Peter 5:4; cf., 2 Timothy 4:8).
  + The **glory & splendor of heaven** will never be lost or diminished as that which is physical will. (James 1:11)

9 - **The Nature Of Our Hope –**

* It is **“reserved in heaven for you”** -
  + Protected, kept in its’ glorious state. We have a “reservation”!
  + It’s “***laid up***” (reserved) for those who have “***fought the good fight… finished the course…*** (and) ***kept the faith***”. (2 Timothy 4:8; cf., Psalms 31:19; Colossians 1:5)

10 - **The Power Of Our Hope –**

**1 Peter 1:6-9 - “***though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ*”.

11 - **The Power Of Our Hope –**

Biblical hope is so powerful it will enable the bearer to endure the most difficult suffering and persecution. (James 1:2-4)

Peter had much to say about the need to endure suffering. (1 Peter 2:19-20; 3:13-17; 4:12-17)

Whether for doing right or wrong (Note 3:17 & 4:14-15) or just because of life in the flesh, hope enables us to endure.

**12 - The Power Of Our Hope –**

Hope stands in contrast to the temporal nature of suffering, that it is but *“… for a little while…”*   
(5:10; cf., Romans 8:18)

* Peter uses the words *“… if necessary…”* aboutourtrials“…which though conditional in form states what he regards as in fact the case.” (2 Tim. 3:12)
* “…*Various*…” – all kinds or sorts. From “*fiery*” to being “*maligned*”.

13 - **The Power Of Our Hope** –

**Our hope is our “*anchor*” through all trials**

* Hebrews 6:19, *“This hope we have as an* ***anchor of the soul****,* ***a hope both sure and steadfast…****”*

**Hope will anchor our soul IF**…

* We “***continue in the faith***…” (Colossians 1:23)
* We continue to “***draw near in full assurance of faith***” and “***hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering***”. (Hebrews 10:21-23)
* We “***wait eagerly***” with “***perseverance***”. (Romans 8:24-25)

14 - **The Certainty Of Our Hope –**

**1 Peter 1:10-12**

“…*as to this salvation,* ***the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry****… these* ***things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you****…*”

15 - **The Certainty Of Our Hope –**

* **One’s hope is only as good as the confidence we may have in that hope.**
* As we understand **the certainty of the prophetic word** (cf., 2 Peter 1:19), we then must **understand our responsibility to defend our hope**. (1 Peter 3:15)
* There is “***perseverance and encouragement***” to be found in the OT scriptures and prophecies.   
  (Rom. 15:4)

16 - **The Birth Of Our Hope –**

1 Peter 1:18-25

* 1. *“…****redeemed****…****with precious blood****…****the blood of Christ****”*
  2. *“…you have* ***in obedience to the truth*** *purified your souls…”*
  3. *“…****born again… through the living and abiding word of God****… which was preached to you…”*

17 - Do you have this hope?