

Living Hope in a Broken World

1 Peter 1:1-12

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

And also with you. Amen

Reading -

1 Peter 1:1-12

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Praise to God for a Living Hope

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. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Questions/Discussion

1. Who is the most confident person you know and why?
2. How does your 'identity' shape your behaviour on tough days and easy days?
3. Simon Peter was not perfect. However, he went through a big change and then grew in confidence as he lived in the wonderful truth that he is Chosen, Sanctified and Cleansed by Christ – this led to Him serving God throughout His whole life: what is God calling You to this year in 2026 both at St Peter's and in your work and your street? Further Up and Further In.

Welcome to St. Peter’s

How to get in contact: If you are new here and would like more information, have any questions or would like someone to contact you please speak to a member of the welcome team or you can:

- 1) Email us on: parishadmin@chesterstpeter.org.uk
We will try to get back to you as soon as possible. This email is checked regularly but we do not have a full-time administrator.

- 2) Provide your details and preferred method of contact below and return this page to a member of the welcome team.

Name

Please contact me by: Email

And/Or phone

Thank you for visiting and worshipping with us today. We hope to see you again soon. If you would like prayer before you leave, please ask any of the welcome or service leading team, or add your prayer request below:

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Bridge 1

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge 2

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

Verse 1

Blessed are those who run to Him
Who place their hope and confidence in Jesus
He won't forsake them
Blessed are those who seek His face
Who bend their knee and fix their gaze on Jesus
They won't be shaken

Chorus 1

Come on and praise the Lord with me
Sing if you love His name
Come on and lift your voice with me
He's worthy of all our praise

Verse 2

Blessed are those who walk with Him
Whose hearts are set on pilgrimage with Jesus
They'll see His glory
Blessed are those who die to live
Whose joy it is to give it all for Jesus

And for Him only
Oh Jesus all for Your glory

Chorus 2

Come on and praise the Lord with me
Sing if you love His name
Come on and lift your voice with me
He's worthy of all our praise
Come on and bring your offering
Sing if you've known His grace
Come on and lift up your holy hands
He's worthy of all our praise

Bridge

Bless God in the sanctuary
Bless God in the fields of plenty
Bless God in the darkest valley
Every chance I get I bless Your name
Bless God when my hands are empty
Bless God with a praise that costs me
Bless God when nobody's watching
Every chance I get I bless Your name
Bless God when the weapon's forming
Bless God when the walls are falling
Bless God 'cause He goes before me
Every chance I get I bless Your name
Bless God for He holds the vict'ry
Bless God for He's always with me
Bless God for He's always worthy
Every chance I get I bless Your name

Goodness Of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

With my life laid down

I'm surrendered now

I give You everything

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me