

A LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1 (p. 1,112)

Agnostic, Robert Ingersol, said on his deathbed,

Life is a narrow veil between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry.

People need HOPE.

A. Hope in Spite of Suffering

1:6-7

It is better to face suffering with God than without Him.

Trials serve to show the priceless value of faith.

B. Hope in the Unseen

1:8-9

Love is a sacrificial commitment to someone's best.
To hope in the unseen God- to love Him is a choice.

We love because He first loved us!

C. Hope Foretold by the Prophets

1:10-12

How could one man fulfill the prophecies about suffering and a glorious reign?

No one guessed that Messiah would die and be resurrected.

God's eternal Word is never wrong!

CONCLUSION:

Most people understand hope as wishful thinking.
A biblical understanding of HOPE is confident expectation.

*Our hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.*