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MAIN SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:1-12

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE: John 1:42, Acts 4:13, John 20:29, Revelation 17:5,18:10, Matthew 28:18-20, 1Peter 5:3

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY: A Christian believer has a “living hope” because his faith and hope are in God.



SUPPORTING THOUGHTS:

- It is not the fact of life that determines hope, but the faith of life.
- We have been chosen by the Father, purchased by the Son, and set apart by the Spirit.

CHALLENGE: Live like you are being prepared for glory.

- **Scripture:** Reading plans: YouVersion Bible App; Our Daily Bread; Through the Word Bible App. (Psalm 119:105)
- **Prayer.** ACTS – adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication (requests). YouVersion Prayer App/Guided Prayer. (James 5:16)
- **Application.** Love God, love others. Serve. (James 1:22-25)
- **Church.** Get. To. Church. Serve. Small Group. Bible Study. (Hebrews 10:25)
- **Equip.** Equip yourself/equip others. = Be disciples, make disciples. (Matthew 28:19)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Discuss this statement: The value of good people ought not to be estimated by their present external condition.

How do you interpret the quote of Spurgeon that Rich used: “Little faith will take your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

Have you ever found yourself in a location/event where you felt totally alone, i.e., a “stranger” or “alien?”

Do you identify with this statement Rich quoted from a seminary instructor, AND how do you respond to it? “Things that used to shock us, have become the norm. We boast about it. If you do not embrace it, there is something wrong with you.”

Discuss this statement from Warren Wiersbe, “Trials are varied, and God matches the trial to our strengths and needs.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONTINUED):

Discuss this statement from Charles Spurgeon, “Little faith will take your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

About the “chosen” or “election” issue, here is a sampling of theologians and preachers who identify as Arminian or Calvinist on the issue.

8 ARMENIANS:

Charles Wesley
John Wesley
Billy Sunday
Chuck Smith
A.W. Tozer
Andrew Murray
R.A. Torrey
Billy Graham

8 CALVINISTS:

George Whitfield
RC Sproul
Allstair Begg
Voddie Baucham
John MacArthur
Wayne Grudem
Timothy Keller
John Piper

Six Reasons We Can Rejoice Through Suffering – Chuck Swindoll

1. A living hope (1:3)
2. A permanent inheritance (1:4)
3. A divine protection (1:5)
4. A developing faith (1:6-7)
5. An unseen Savior (1:8)
6. A guaranteed delivery (1:9)

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