

A Living Hope



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Born Again to Living Hope
by
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead
Exposition of 1 Pet. 1:3

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- I. Seven Things God Is to Be Praised for in the Context of 1 Pet. 3-5
 - A. For Giving Us His Beloved Son cf 1 Pet. 1:3 with Mt. 3:17; 17:5; Mk. 1:11; 9:7 Lk. 3:22; 9:35; 2 Pet. 1:17 cf Isa. 9:6; Jn. 1:14; 3:16, 18; Rm. 8:31; 1 Jn. 4:9
 - B. For Extending His Mercy to Us cf 1 Pet. 1:3; Titus 3:5-6
 - C. For His Work of Regeneration Our Being Be Born Again cf 1 Pet. 1:3 cf Titus 3:5-6
 - D. For Regeneration to a Living Hope cf 1 Pet. 1:3
 - E. For a Secure Inheritance cf 1 Pet. 1:4

"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." 1 Pet. 1:4

- F. For Protecting Us with His Power cf 1 Pet. 1:5

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Pet. 1:5

- G. For Who He is cf 1 Pet. 1:3 cf 2 Cor. 1:3; Eph. 1:3 also See Rm. 15:6; 1 Cor. 11:31 Col. 1:3; Rev. 1:6 Where God is Identified as '*The God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ*'

- II. The Basis for the New Spiritual Birth Is the Great Mercy of God: Mercy is the Translation of the Greek Word ἔλεος: English Transliteration eleos; the Cognate Verb ἐλεέω English Transliteration eleeo cf Titus 3:5

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- A. The Word ἔλεος English Transliteration **eleos** Was Commonly Associated with the Legal World and the Administration of Justice.
- B. The Words ἔλεος and ἐλεέω English Transliterations **eleos** and **eleeo** Are Used in The New Testament to Denote the Extension of Kindness and Compassion to Someone Who Is a Bad Situation Which Is Causing Them Consternation, Misery (N.A.S.B. Uses the Word *Compassion* to Translate the Greek Word eleos in Mt. 9:13; 12:7); Mt. 9:27; 15:22; 17:15; 18:33; 20:20, 31; Mk. 10:47-48; Lk. 16:24 Philipp. 2:27; 1 Tim. 1:13, 16; 1 Pet. 2:10
- C. '**Mercy**' = The Kindness of God That Causes Him to Desire and to Do What Was Necessary Not to Mete Out Judgment on Those Who Are in the Miserable State of Condemnation Deserving the Wrath of God Because of They are Guilty of Sin cf Mk. 5:19; Philipp. 2:27 Lk. 1:58; Jn. 3:18-19; Rm. 3:12, 19, 23; 6:23; 8:1-4; 11:32 Rm. 15:9; Eph. 2:1-8; 1 Tim. 1:13, 16; Titus 3:5

III. The Believer Is Born Again 'into' / 'to a living hope'

- A. God Is the One Who '*Hath Begotten Us Again*' / '*Given Us a New Birth*' / '*Caused Us to Be Born Again*'
 1. The Words '*Hath Begotten Us Again*' / '*Given Us a New Birth*' / '*Caused Us to Be Born Again*' (ὁ ἀναγεννήσας) English Transliteration **ho anagengsas** Aorist, Active Substantive Participle Form of the Verb (ἀναγεννάω) English Transliteration **anagengao**: The Aorist Participle Expresses The New Birth, Being Born again Is a Past COMPLETED Action
 2. The Word (ἀναγεννάω) English Transliteration **anagengao** Is Only Used Here and 1 Pet. 1:23 It Is a Compound Word Comprised of the Greek Preposition ἀνά English Transliteration **ana** Which Means **up, again** Plus the Verb γεννάω **gengao** Which Means **To Be Born**; Hence to be Born from Up or Again
 3. The Word Is Used Figuratively of the New Spiritual Birth (which I describe as being) *The Mysterious Working of the Holy Spirit Which Requires the Hearing of the Gospel and a Positive Faith Response to the Gospel* cf Jn 3:1-8 '**Be Born Again**' (γεννάω = **gengao** = **to be born**, ἄνωθεν = **anohen** = **from above, again, anew**) cf Jn. 16:7-11; Acts 2:22-41; 16:14-15, 30-31; Rm. 10:17; Eph. 2:4-10; Col. 1:4-6, 20-23; Titus 3:4-7
- B. Unto, Into, to (εἰς ἐλπίδα) English Transliteration **eis elpida**; the Preposition εἰς = **eis** plus the noun ἐλπίδα = **elpida** in the Accusative Case; This Construction Denotes a Purpose, for Our Being Born Again
- C. The Readout: God, According to His Abundant Mercy Has Caused Us to Be Born Again So That We Can Now Have Living Hope

IV. The Believer's Hope Is a Living Hope 1 Pet. 1:3

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- A. The Word *Living* (ζάω) English Transliteration **zao** Is In The Present Tense Participle Form and Denotes That Which Is Lively and Life Productive and Enduring cf Jn 6:51 Acts 7:38; Rm. 12:1; Heb. 4:12; 1 Pet. 1:23
- B. The Living Hope is the Holy Spirit Energized Objective Hope Which Works within the Heart of the New Inner Man / Person and is Activated by Faith in the Person and Promises of God and Infuses the Believer with Absolute Confidence, Joy, Peace and Assurance of the Fulfillment of all of God Promises Which Relate to the Present, the Future and for Eternity cf Jn. 6:63; Rm. 2:29; 5:5; 8:11-12, 26-27; Rm.14:17; 15:13 1 Cor. 15:9 Gal. 5:5; 6:8; 1 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 6:18-19
 - 1. The Living Hope Is Objective not Subjective; The Hope Is Not Based on Nor Influenced by Emotions, Feelings, or Personal Opinions But Rests on Verifiable Facts cf Acts 23:6; 24:14-15 and Acts 26:6-7; Rm. 15:4; Col. 1:5; Col. 1:23 1 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:1; 4:10; 5:5; Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18 10:23; 1 Pet. 1:21; 3:5
 - 2. The Living Hope Is a Holy Spirit Energized Hope Rm. 5:5; 15:13; Gal. 5:5 Gal. 6:8
 - 3. The Living Hope Engenders Absolute Confidence That God Will Fulfill the Promises He Has Made to Us cf Acts 2:26; 26:6-7; Rm. 4:18; Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18-19

V. Blessings of the Living Hope Include the Believer Knowing for a Certainty

- A. That We Have Been Granted the Privilege of Drawing Near to God Heb. 7:19 cf Heb. 4:14-16; Heb. 6:19; James 4:8

"The world offers promises full of emptiness, but Easter offers emptiness full of promise. Empty cross, empty tomb, empty grave-clothes are all full of promise."

The Promises Include the Promise of Living Hope with its Promise of Believers Being Able to

DRAW NEAR TO GOD

BECAUSE

JESUS IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED!