

JANUARY 19

“THE HOPE JESUS CHRIST GIVES US IS NOT JUST A LIVING HOPE, BUT A LIVELY HOPE!”

READ

1 Peter 1:3-9

“Living” means the last breath has not departed from your body. “Lively” means you’re up jumping around. The hope Jesus Christ gives us is not just a living hope, but, as the King James version says, a lively hope. That lively hope is jumping up and down every day, rejoicing in what Jesus Christ did for you. You are gloriously, marvelously saved and kept by the power of God. There is no weapon that can destroy you, and there is no force greater than Jesus in you. You are chosen of the Lord, begotten again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an incorruptible inheritance. What the Lord has already laid up for you in heaven is there waiting for you. It’s your inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, that does not fade away.

PRAY

Lord, I can’t wait to see You face to face. I’m thankful that I’m Your child, and for the promise of an incorruptible inheritance. Through Your Spirit, may I not merely endure life today, but enjoy the abundant life and the lively hope You’ve given.

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