



Give thanks to
the Lord, for he
is good, for his
steadfast love
endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

Great Swamp Baptist Church

November 27, 2022

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call to Worship

“What a Day That Will Be”

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise & Worship

“I Worship You, Almighty God”

“What A Mighty God We Serve”\

“Revelation Song”

“We Fall Down”

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special by Mended

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery
Help Needed



Helpers:
Mason Losgar
Emily Johnson



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

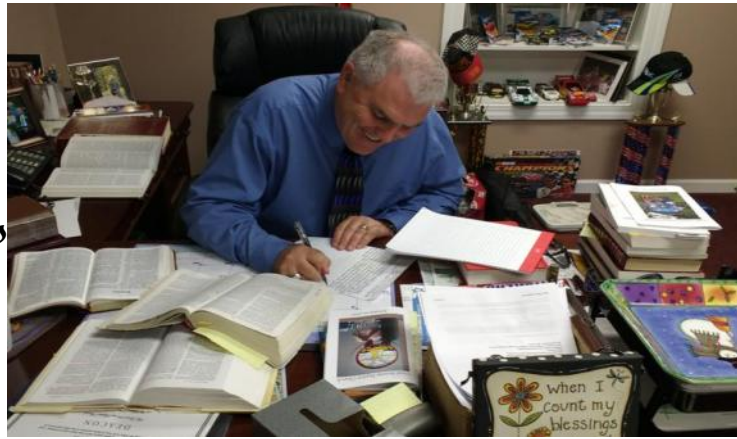
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Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Our Living Hope

(1 Peter 1:3-9)

Intro: In the verses we are using for this message Peter states one of the most encouraging words found in the New Testament concerning our Christian hope. He declared that our hope is a “living hope” as opposed to a non-living hope. In other words Peter means that our hope is sure, certain, and real. It’s alive and can’t be extinguished by anything this old world throws at it.

So with this message we will examine what Peter has to say about our living hope and how it will ultimately lead us to a place of rejoicing and worship.

I. First, let’s notice the reasons for our living hope (verse 3).

In our introduction we already noted that Peter clearly declares that our hope is a living hope. But the question I want us to consider is why is our hope a living hope? Well, Peter gives us three reasons why we have a living hope.

A. The first reason given for our living hope is because of the great mercy of our Heavenly Father.

We didn't do anything worthy that would enable us to qualify for the privilege of having hope that was and is living. As a matter of fact because we were born sinners and we have done sinful things, the only thing the Bible says that qualifies us for is death, hell, and the grave.

So let us rejoice that this verse tells us that our Heavenly Father provided this living hope to us by His great mercy. So He bestowed this living hope on us not because of who we are but because of who He is. He is merciful and gracious.

B. The second reason given for our living hope is because of the new birth we experience.

This term new birth reminds us of the conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus. In this conversation Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again. Being born again is the same thing as having a new birth.

Now why is a new birth required in order for us to experience this living hope which is found in this verse?

Well, Paul told us that we were dead in our trespasses and sins. So apart from the new birth we are spiritually dead. Thus a new birth is required to make us alive in the sight of God and that can only happen when one comes to Christ through repentance and faith. But once one does they will be made alive and will then have a living hope.

C. The third reason given for our living hope is because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Of these three reasons stated in this verse this is the one most directly related to our living hope. For had Jesus Christ not risen from the dead we would not be able to experience the new birth, and we would still be in our sins, and we would be spiritually dead without any hope whatsoever.

But because Jesus came up out of the grave and made open mockery of death itself death no longer has a hold on us. Thus we have hope that lives because He lives.

So as we see our living hope is all because of our amazing awesome God who loved us enough that in His mercy sent His son to die on the cross to forgive our sins and then three days later to resurrect from the dead to give us the living hope that we have through the new birth experience as we receive Him into our lives.

II. Second, let's notice the results of our living hope (verses 4, 5).

There are three results that I want us to consider from these two verses. All of these results complement each other.

A. First result is that we have a guaranteed inheritance in heaven.

In this world we aren't guaranteed an inheritance. Not every family can afford to purchase things that they can pass on to their children, not land, homes, vehicles, and so on.

But our Lord owns it all and He's determined that He's going to share that inheritance with all of His children that He's drawn to His glorious son Jesus Christ. And this is not up for debate, it's an absolute assurance.

Jesus has assured us that He was going away to prepare a place for us that where He is there will we also be. He also assured that He ??? would return to take us to that place to forever be with Him (John 14:1-6).

B. The second result is that we have our unchanging inheritance in heaven.

In this life things are always changing and often times not for the better. But in heaven Peter says that nothing will perish, spoil, or fade. Everything in heaven will always remain perfect, splendid and joyous.

C. The third result is that we have an unconquerable inheritance in heaven.

Peter says that our inheritance is kept in heaven and that it's kept there by the power of God and because it is three's no one or nothing that will ever take it away. Amen and praise God.

III. Third, let's notice the rejoicing that comes from our living hope (verses 6-9).

As stated previously Peter wrote this letter to bring comfort to a group of Christians who were being greatly persecuted for their Christian faith. He wanted them to know that in spite of their persecution they could still rejoice in the Lord because of all of the benefits that the living hope gives you.

A. First our living hope leads us to rejoice because our trials are temporary (verse 6).

The point simply being that in this life we are going to face all kinds of trials. As Christians we may even face more than others because of our faith. However because of our living hope our trials don't have to hinder our rejoicing for we know that our trials are merely temporary but our living hope is eternal.

B. Second, our living hope leads us to rejoice because of what we have to look forward to.

Now much like what I just pointed out not only are our trials temporary and our hope is eternal, but that living hope will be lived out in our eternal home in heaven where our eternal inheritance abides. So keep on rejoicing because you have a heaven to gain and a hell to leave behind.

C. Third, our living hope leads us to rejoice because it gives us a clear understanding about our trials (verses 7-9).

These verses teach us that God is using our trials to prove the genuineness of our faith, to grow our faith, and to ultimately complete our faith. The world doesn't have this kind of understanding. All they can see of their trails are the pain and suffering of them. They see no redemptive quality of them whatsoever.

However, our living hope opens our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to be able to see our Sovereign God working out His purpose and will in us. We are reminded of that famous and familiar verse from Paul's writings when he said under the Holy Spirit leadership, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28).

Concl: At every turn in this world we see hope waning. So why would you not look to the one who can give you hope that will never wane because His hope is a living hope. So I challenge you, look to Jesus in repentance and faith that you will find this hope that lives now and forever.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph



Thank you everyone for all your donations and all those who helped me through out the year and during collection week. This ministry would not be possible without your help. Again, thank you.

Now to think about next year!

--Dorthie



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Chuck Scoggins</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Dec. 3rd</i>	<i>Stephanie Carter</i>



Deacons' Meeting
 Monday, December 14th
 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 11th



Come join the fun and sing
your favorite Christmas songs!



Meal to follow after the service. The
church will provide the meat and drinks.
Everyone else please bring a side dish
and/or a dessert to share.



Pastor Appreciation and Recognition Today after the service!

Come join us in recognizing our amazing
pastor's 15 years of service!

Cake and ice cream to follow after the service.



Wreaths Across America

Order a wreath for your loved ones.

Cost: \$15.00 each

Cut-off Date: Sunday, December 14th

The list is on the bulletin
board on the back wall.



Grandmothers Group
Chinese Christmas Party



December 12th
At 11:00 a.m.
Great Swamp Baptist Church
In the Church
Multi-Purpose Building

Please bring a \$5 to \$10 gift
to participate

Bring a covered dish
or a dessert.

Plan on having
a wonderful time!!!

RSVP: Debbie 843-368-5436
Or Jennifer 843-726-3631





**Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Service to follow at 7:00 p.m.**

**Team Timmy will be cooking!
Come out and have dinner
and fellowship with us!**

**\$5.00 each or \$15.00
for a family of 4 or more**



**Sunday Morning
Breakfast**

**Begins at 8:00 a.m.
\$5.00 each or \$15.00
for a family of 4
or more**

GSBC Prayer Page

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Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership

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Surgery / Recovery

Nursing Centers

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Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

Leigh Laycock

Cancer / Treatments

*Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Lloyd Freeman
Lisa Chandler
Pat Headley*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Other Health Needs

*Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Marie Malphrus
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Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Tim Roberts
Chris Blanchard
Jane Himes' Nephew
Keith Gamo
Doug & Melanie Hamm
Randy Smoak
Dean Daley
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Rex Norman
Rose Sheehan
Steve Bailey
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Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Vera Floyd
Barbara Mills
Alice & Gary Way
Kenny Smith
Diane Hannah*

*Tom Hinely
Ann Blocker
Doby Cleland
Lucille & Ron Degler
Red & Helen Malphrus
Thomas & Erma Cooler*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$11,926.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,982.47</i>	<i>+\$6,943.53</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$74.00</i>	*****	<i>\$268.19</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>\$114.00</i>	*****	<i>\$374.25</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,039.17</i>



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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