

Hope Blossoms Now
1Peter 1:6-12 Bethel Bible Church 11/15/20

It sounds too good to be true. As a child of God, you have mercifully been given a new life by God that has transformed your confidence and expectations into what Peter calls a 'living hope.' This hope is confident and certain expectations that are alive in you because of Christ - life defining and life sustaining hope.

Is it possible to rejoice in this living hope while experiencing the challenges of life in the here and now? Peter addresses 3 hope-draining experiences that are common to each of us and helps us see how it is possible to rejoice in each one.

1. Rejoice, your _____ are producing Christ
exalting faith!

2. Rejoice, your _____ from Christ does not stop a
growing intimacy with him.

3. Rejoice, your _____ drive you to a greater
appreciation of Christ and his truth.

Let's talk back to God . . .

1. Say something nice about God to God. Bless his name! Rejoice!

2. Ask God to help you rejoice in your living hope.

Restore your joy.
Be steadfast in hope draining trials.
Grow in love for him when he seems distant.
Appreciate your salvation for the living hope that it is.