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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

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1 Peter 1:1-5

“Stand Up & Stand Out!”

“Heavenly Hope” Part 1

A. Heaven \_\_\_\_\_ / “Seven \_\_\_\_\_ Heaven” (1-2)

1. Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (1) – “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...”
2. Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (1) – “who are chosen”
3. Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (2) – “according to the foreknowledge of God the Father”
4. Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (2) – “by the sanctifying work of the Spirit”
5. Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (2) – “to obey Jesus Christ”
6. Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (2) – “sprinkled with His blood”
7. Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (2) – “May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.”

B. Heaven \_\_\_\_\_ (3-5)

- Blessed
- Living Hope

1. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (3) – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”
2. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (4) – “to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,”
3. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (5) – “who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

## Discussion & Application:

1. Share with one another specific opportunities you had this week to Stand Up & Stand Out for Jesus. How did people respond?
2. List some ways that people in the world believe are legitimate paths to heaven. Compare them to the biblical Christian faith. What are the major differences?
3. How does seeing ourselves as “aliens and strangers” in this world help us when we are persecuted for our faith? What practical things can we do each day to strengthen / maintain that worldview?
4. Some people believe that “foreknowledge” (as used in the Bible) refers to God looking down through time to see who would believe in Him and then choosing them to be saved. Do the following passages support that view? 1 Peter 1:19-20; Rom. 11:1-2; 2 Tim. 1:8-11; Rom. 8:28-30; Jn. 6:63-65; Acts 2:23; Rev. 13:8. If not, what does foreknowledge mean?
5. How are each member of the Trinity involved in our salvation? How does that help us when we are being persecuted for our faith?
6. What is worship? What are some things that people are prone to worship? Why do you think people worship those things?
7. How does a recognition that salvation is entirely by God’s grace alone through faith alone in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone impact our worship?
8. What are different definitions for the word hope? What is a biblical definition for hope? What is a living hope?
9. How is hope anchored in the past? How does that help us when we are persecuted / suffering for our faith?
10. What does Peter say about how secure our hope is in the present? What will we inherit in the future through Jesus Christ?
11. How will our hope be fulfilled in the future? Do we do something to gain or lose it?
12. Do you have a living hope? Are you 100% sure that if you died today, you would spend eternity in heaven? On what basis do you have that hope?
13. MEMORIZE 1 Peter 1:1-5. If you memorize the entire book of 1 Peter by the time Pastor Paul finishes preaching through it, you will not only be rewarded spiritually & eternally, but Pastor Paul will reward you temporally as well. 😊

[Word for blanks: Given; From; Worldview; Choice; Love Relationship; Power; Lord; Savior; Resources; Guaranteed; Anchored; Past; Secured; Present; Fulfilled; Future]