

Subject: Easter Sunday

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## THE HOPE OF EASTER

2 Thessalonians 2:16 (NLT) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope...

Luke 24:13-24 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.

Three reasons to be encouraged by hope...

### 1. THERE'S HOPE FOR A \_\_\_\_\_ FROM OUR \_\_\_\_\_ !

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope...

Ephesians 2:12 (NLT) In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.

Ephesians 2:13 (NLT) But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 9:15 (NLT) For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed...

### 2. THERE'S HOPE FOR OUR \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ !

Luke 24:25-35 ...They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Jesus appeared to these men because they had lost their \_\_\_\_\_ and they needed \_\_\_\_\_!

Tough times don't \_\_\_\_\_ !

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

### 3. THERE'S HOPE \_\_\_\_\_ IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_ !

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again ...

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;