

## Sermon Study Guide –

### 1 Peter 1:3-12

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Title: **“A New Hope”**

**Sermon Idea:** Our present suffering doesn't compare to our future glory.

#### Key Points:

We can rejoice in our present trials because our salvation is...

1. ...secure,
2. ...tested,
3. ...and privileged.

**What do I want people to know?** I want people to know that in light of the security and glorious nature of our salvation, we can endure present suffering for our faith. Actually, this suffering serves to bring forth the genuineness of our faith bringing praise to God.

**What do I want people to do?** I want people to (1) trust Christ as Lord and Savior, (2) do a word study on inheritance in Scripture, and (3) remember while suffering that God deals in futures.

**What need am I addressing?** I am addressing the need to find hope in the midst of suffering.

**Recommended Resources:** *“Knowing God,”* J.I. Packer; [www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org), *“Seeing Through Heaven’s Eyes”* Leif Hetland

**Intro:** What are some things that people place their hope in?

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#### Dig:

**Day 1: 1 Peter 1:3-12** sings the praises of the glorious work of salvation that God has brought about. List out all the benefits that believers enjoy.

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**Day 2: John 3:1-21** relates a meeting between Jesus and a Pharisee. What does Jesus tell him about the way of salvation? What does it mean to be “born again?”

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**Day 3: James 1:2-12** beautifully parallels our passage in 1 Peter. Why are believers able to rejoice in sufferings and trials? How does God use them in our lives?

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**Day 4: Daniel 12:1-13** is an example of how the Old Testament prophets had limited understanding. How should this inspire us who know God’s plans now?

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**Day 5: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18** shows Paul’s confidence and perseverance in preaching the gospel even while facing opposition. What enables him to keep going?

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#### Apply:

- Trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior if you haven’t done so before.
- Do a word study on the word “inheritance” and make a list of all that God has promised to those who trust in Him.
- When confronted with difficult and suffering, remind yourself, “The Lord deals in futures!”

**Pray:** Father God, thank You for the living hope that You’ve given me through faith in Your Son. Help me to stay faithful to You by trusting in Your goodness and purposes even when things get hard. I love you. Amen!

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