

**“Alien Life”**  
**“A Living Hope” Part 1**  
**1 Peter 1:1-2 and 5:12-14**

**1. The writer, the man and his heart.**

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.* Mark 1:17-18

*"Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"* Matthew 16:22

*"Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."*  
Matthew 26:33

*"Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."*  
Matthew 26:35

*He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter...*

Mark 16:6-7

*"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."*

John 21:15

***“God makes men by taking them through  
a humbling process that fundamentally  
changes the way they think!”***

Pat Morely

**Application:** Failure is never final. No failure or sin can trump God's grace.

**“...for Peter the denial became the moment that did more than just  
break his heart, it clarified his absolute weakness before God and  
prepared him ‘for true God-given greatness...’ ”**

Chuck Swindoll

*Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not — to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."*

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**2. Aliens in the world.**

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have*

been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

1 Peter 1:1-2

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Philippians 3:20

They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.

1 Peter 4:4

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:13-16

### 3. A message of hope.

With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

1 Peter 5:12-14

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, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you...

1 Peter 1:3-4

***The Christian hope is more than  
"hope so", it is, "know so!"***

The Old Testament believer called God the hope of Israel.

O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the Lord, the spring of living water. Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.      Jeremiah 17:13-14

For the believer today, Christ is our hope.

*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

*Colossians 1:27*

For the unbeliever who dies without Christ, they will be hopeless forever.

Dante, in his divine comedy, put this inscription over the world of the dead:

***“Abandon all hope, you who enter here!”***

**Application:** Peter’s message throughout his letter is not hard to understand or follow: Everything begins with salvation.

If we know Christ, we have a certain hope.

With hope, we can walk in holiness and harmony.

If we focus on Christ, we can overcome and be transformed.