



Sermon Notes: Hope Has A Name

1. The source: mercy.

2. The means: the resurrection.

3. The outcome: inheriting salvation.

4. The guarantor: God's power.

5. The existential threat: trials.
 - a. They're temporary.

 - b. They're necessary.

 - c. They're varied in form.

 - d. They're in order to test and purify your faith.

 - e. They're ultimately glorifying to Christ.

6. The response:
 - a. Believe in Jesus moment by moment.

 - b. Rejoice in the Gospel.



Gospel Applications: Hope Has A Name

1. How have you heard the word "hope" used recently? What are some things you and others are hoping for?
2. How are your answers to #1 similar to or different from the biblical concept of hope: *a confident expectation in God's character and promises*?
3. When you're in the middle of painful, trying circumstances, what are some of the hopes you rehearse to yourself? How are you affected by meditating on those hopes? How do you think others in your life are affected by seeing you rehearse those hopes?
4. According to 1 Peter 1, what is the nature of the inheritance you receive in Christ? How would this impact your everyday life if you really believed this? What's one thing that you would change immediately?
5. What trial is the biggest existential threat to your hope right now? What specific hope(s) does it seem to threaten? How does 1 Peter 1 speak to that situation? [Be as specific as you can.]
6. In the sermon it was said that "*trials are not meant merely to show you what you're made of, they're meant to refine and transform what you're made of.*" Put both of those purposes in your own words. How have you seen God do both of those things with a test in your life? How might God being doing both in your life right now?
7. Genuine faith will bring additional trials into your life that you would not have experienced otherwise, but the same genuine faith also provides you with resources to endure those trials. Give some examples of both sides of that statement. How have you seen this to be true in your life?
8. We're commanded to "rejoice with indescribable joy" right in the middle of our trials and tests. How is that possible with just faking it? Give some specific examples of what that might sound like.
9. What one specific thing will you do in response to the message this week?