

## Discussion Questions for sermon given on 3/6/2016

### Sermon Title: **A Christian's Hope**

1. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. What does it mean that we are “born again into a living hope”?
2. Read the verses below and discuss what each verse says about what the resurrection of Jesus has accomplished for the believer:

Acts 5:31

1 Peter 1:3

1 Corinthians 15:17

Acts 2:32–33

Romans 8:34

1 Thessalonians 1:10; Romans 5:10

2 Corinthians 4:14; Romans 6:4; 8:11; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20

3. In verses 4 and 5 of 1 Peter, what is the inheritance? What adjectives are used to describe this inheritance and what do they tell you of the nature of this inheritance?
4. If you are a Christian, how does knowing you have a guaranteed future inheritance affect your life here and now?
5. In verses 6 and 7, Peter speaks of the trials of “all kinds” that the believers are encountering. What kinds of trials are you personally facing right now?
6. In verse 6, Peter says, “In THIS you greatly rejoice”. What is the “THIS” in which we are to greatly rejoice in the midst of these various trials.
7. In this passage, what does Peter indicate are some reasons for the trials we go through? Is it helpful to know some of the biblical reasons for trials in our lives? Explain your answer.
8. What is one thing in this passage that really encourages you or challenges you personally? Be specific.