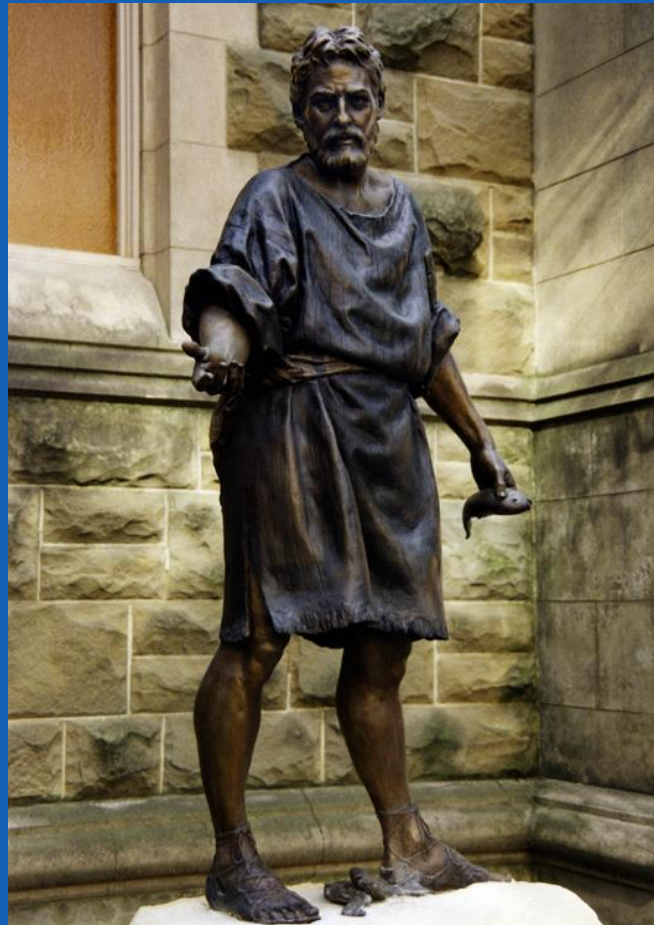


A LIVING HOPE

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Louis Laumen Peter the Fisherman 1999 St. Peter's Church, Toorak, Victoria life size bronze



Peter addresses:

- 1. Believers were under going very difficult trials and other groups were saying evil things about them.**
- 2. The followers of Christ were tempted to retaliate in kind and repay harsh words with harsh words.**
- 3. They were also tempted to compromise their godly lifestyle because of the grief it caused them.**

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**Believers have become a holy people because of Christ.
...follow in His footsteps: refuse to retaliate, use trials to testify about the grace and power of God.**

I. STRANGERS & PILGRIMS

1 Peter 1:1 (NKJV) ¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia

NASB77: to those who reside as aliens...who are chosen

NIV To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered

NLT God's chosen people who are living as foreigners ...

MSG ...exiles scattered to the four winds



Black Sea

Pontus

Bithynia
Galatia

Asia

Cappadocia

Modern Turkey

Mediterranean Sea

Jerusalem

“STRANGERS” (parepidēmois),

**foreign nationality and
temporary residence;**

**Christians, whose citizenship
is in heaven, live in the midst
of a pagan society as aliens
and sojourners,
displaced persons**

SCATTERED" (*diasporas*)

The diaspora referred to Jews who were separated from their homeland.

Peter adapted this word to the condition of the early church.

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16 they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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***You're swimming upstream in
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***CELEBRATE JESUS and
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**Be free and at peace, and
*GIVE HIM AWAY***

II. A LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV) ³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...*

1 Peter 1:3 (MSG) ³ *What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for...*

II. A LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1:3 PASSION:

Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has shown us His extravagant mercy.

For His fountain of mercy has given us a new life—we are reborn to experience a *living, energetic hope* through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

A LIVING HOPE:

**to *anticipate*, usually with
pleasure;
expectation or *confidence***

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**2. CELEBRATE JESUS NOW.
HEAVEN STARTS NOW**

**We've been birthed by HIS
mercy and grace into a
LIVING HOPE.**

**Let that celebration grip
your heart today.**