**The Book of 1 Peter**

**Great Purpose…Great Promises**

**1 Peter 1:1-5. Pastor Mel Svendsen**

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**Bottom Line:
*Our identity as God’s people gives us “living hope” in Christ which entails a great purpose for today and amazing promises for tomorrow and beyond!!***

***Rejoice today because…***

***1. God’s sovereignty in our salvation is awesome!***

 ***1 Peter 1:1-2***

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 ***Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and***

 ***Bithynia, 2according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in***

 ***the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:***

***-The sovereignty of our God in salvation is beyond our full***

 ***comprehension…Scripture refers to the “mystery”…***

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***-The debate to try to understand God’s sovereignty in salvation***

 ***has been “raging” for centuries…***

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***Rejoice today because…***

***2. Jesus’ resurrection is the key to our “living***

 ***hope”! 1 Peter 1:3-4***

***The Nature of our inheritance…***

* ***Imperishable: Unlike earthly goods, it cannot decay. v. 4***
* ***Undefiled: It is pure, untouched by sin or corruption. v. 4***
* ***Unfading: It will not lose its beauty or glory. v.4***

***Rejoice today because…***

***3. Our security in Christ is absolutely immoveable***

 ***and unshakeable! 1 Peter 1:4-5***

 ***The security of our inheritance…***

 ***A. No fear: Don’t worry about losing your***

 ***Salvation if you are truly in Christ!***

 ***It is God’s power, not your performance, that guards you.***

 ***B. No pride: No boasting:, your salvation is***

 ***obtained and sustained through Jesus.***

