

APRIL 11,12, 2026 SPECIAL BIBLE CONFERENCE EDITION  
**REDEEMER WEEKLY**  
REDEEMER CHURCH OF PIKETON, OHIO



**-SATURDAY SERVICE-**

# **“A LIVING HOPE THAT ENDURES”**

**JASON BOOTHE**

**1 PETER 1:3-9**



As we gather for the opening evening of the Sovereign Grace Bible Conference at Redeemer Church of Piketon, we begin where the Christian life itself begins. We begin with praise.

The Apostle Peter writes to believers who were no strangers to hardship. They were scattered, pressed by trials, and acquainted with grief. Yet under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Peter does not open with their suffering. He lifts their eyes heavenward.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3, ESV). This opening note sets the tone not only for Peter’s letter, but for our time together. Before we consider our circumstances, we are called to consider our God. Before we dwell on our trials, we are invited to rejoice in His mercy.

This first evening message, A Living Hope That Endures, draws us into the very heart of the gospel. It reminds us that salvation is not rooted in human effort, but in divine mercy. God Himself has caused us to be born again. This is the language of sovereign grace. It is God who gives life to the spiritually dead, God who awakens faith, and God who secures His people from beginning to end.

From this gracious act flows a hope that is not fragile or fading, but living. It is living because it is anchored in a risen Savior. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only a past event. It is a present reality and a future guarantee. Because He lives, those who belong to Him possess a hope that cannot perish.

Peter goes on to lift our eyes even higher. He speaks of an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us. In a world marked by change and uncertainty, this promise stands firm. What God has prepared for His people will never diminish, never decay, and never be lost.

Even more comforting is this truth. The inheritance is not only kept for the believer, but the believer is kept for the inheritance. By God’s power, His people are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed. The same power that raised Christ from the dead now preserves every true believer.

Yet Peter does not ignore the reality of suffering. He speaks honestly of grief and various trials. These are not meaningless interruptions in the Christian life. They are instruments in the hands of a sovereign God, refining and proving the genuineness of faith. What feels heavy in the present is being used for eternal glory. At the center of it all stands Christ Himself. Though we have not seen Him, we love Him. Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. This is the miracle of faith. Christ is precious to His people, and His presence sustains them even in the midst of trial.

As this conference begins, this passage calls us to lift our eyes and steady our hearts. It calls us to remember that our hope is not tied to circumstances, but to Christ. It invites us to rest again in the mercy of God, to rejoice in the security of His promises, and to press on with confidence in His preserving grace.

May the Lord use this opening message to anchor our hearts afresh in the gospel. May He strengthen weary souls, deepen our joy in Christ, and unite us in praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us begin with worship. Let us begin with gratitude. Let us begin with a living hope that endures.

-SUNDAY SERVICE-  
**LIFE IN HIS NAME**  
JOHN 20:19-31



Sovereign Grace Bible Conference – Session Two  
Life in His Name

As our Sovereign Grace Bible Conference continues, we turn our attention to the second message, drawn from John 20:19–31. This passage brings us into the quiet, fearful setting where the disciples gathered behind locked doors on the evening of the resurrection. Into that room, the risen Christ comes and speaks a word that still comforts and strengthens His people today: “Peace be with you.”

In this sermon, Life in His Name, we will consider the glory of the risen Lord who meets His people in their weakness, reveals Himself through His wounds, and grants peace that is rooted in His finished work. We will also reflect on the compassion of Christ toward Thomas, and the gracious way our Lord calls sinners from doubt into a living and saving faith.

This message highlights the sovereign grace of God in salvation. Faith does not rise from within the human heart on its own. It is given through the Word as Christ makes Himself known. As the Gospel of John declares, these things are written “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31, ESV).

As you prepare to hear this sermon, come with a posture of humility and expectation. The same risen Christ who stood among His disciples now speaks through His Word. He still brings peace to troubled hearts. He still calls His people to believe. He still gives life in His name.

May the Lord use this message to deepen our faith, strengthen our assurance, and fix our eyes upon Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and King.

**There will be a fellowship dinner following the preaching service. Please join us in the annex. Everyone is invited.**

## Announcements

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### Blessing Box Food Drive

Bring non-perishable food items each Sunday to help stock our Free Store Blessing Box and serve families in need in our community.



### Visit the Church Website

Go to RedeemerPiketon.org for sermons, Bible study resources, teaching videos, and gospel-centered articles. New content is added regularly. Share it with others as a trusted source for biblical encouragement and teaching.

## Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

Saturday April 11 7:00 PM  
& Sunday April 12, 2026 11:30 AM



Saturday April 11, 2026 7:00 PM

### Pastoral Prayer

Keith Boothe

#Hymn 36 "How Great is Our God"

#Hymn 397 "All I Have is Christ"

### Sermon

Jason Boothe

# Hymn 14 "Behold Our God"

### Closing Prayer

Keith Boothe

Light refreshments will be served in the annex following service.  
Everyone is invited to partake!

Sunday April 12, 2026 11:30 AM

### Pastoral Prayer

Keith Boothe

#Hymn 162 "Grace Great Than Our Sin"

### Psalm Reading

Greg Flannery

#Hymn 397 "All I Have is Christ"

### Sermon

Jason Boothe

# Hymn 899 "Is He Worthy?"

### Closing Prayer

Keith Boothe

There will be a fellowship dinner served to all in the annex following the morning service. Everyone is invited to join in!

## CHURCH SMS GROUP

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# A HOPE THAT NEVER GOES AWAY

1 PETER 1:3-9



*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” - 1 Peter 1:3*

Have you ever had something you really loved that didn't last? Maybe it was a favorite toy that broke, a balloon that popped, or a fun day that came to an end. Things in this world do not last forever. They wear out, fade away, or disappear.

But God tells us about something far better. He tells us about a hope that never goes away. The Bible says, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3, ESV).

## **God Gives Us New Life**

The Bible teaches us that becoming a Christian is like being born again. That does not mean we are born a second time like a baby. It means God gives us a new heart that loves Him. Who does this? God does.

“According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again.” This means salvation is a gift from God. We do not earn it. We do not work for it. God is kind and merciful, and He gives new life to His people.

## **A Hope That Is Alive**

Peter calls this a “living hope.” That means it is a hope that is alive and strong. Why is it alive? Because Jesus is alive. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of His people, but He did not stay in the grave. He rose again. Because Jesus lives forever, everyone who trusts in Him has a hope that will never die.

## **A Treasure Kept Safe in Heaven**

God also promises something wonderful for His children. He promises an inheritance. That is a big word, but it means a special gift that belongs to you. The Bible says this gift is:

- Imperishable, which means it will never break
- undefiled, which means it will never be spoiled
- Unfading, which means it will never lose its beauty

And where is this treasure? It is kept in heaven by God Himself. That means no one can take it away. It will never be lost.

## **God Is Watching Over You**

Not only is your treasure safe, but God is also watching over you.

“Who by God's power are being guarded through faith” (1 Peter 1:5, ESV).

God is strong. He protects His people. If you belong to Jesus, He will keep you safe in Him.

## **What About Hard Days?**

Sometimes life is hard. You might feel sad, afraid, or confused. The Bible says, “Though now for a little while... you have been grieved by various trials” (1 Peter 1:6, ESV). God knows that life has hard moments. But He also tells us that these hard times have a purpose. They help our faith grow stronger, just like fire makes gold purer and brighter. God is always at work, even on hard days.

## **Loving Jesus Without Seeing Him**

Have you ever seen Jesus with your eyes? No, we have not. But the Bible says,

“Though you have not seen him, you love him... you believe in him and rejoice with joy” (1 Peter 1:8, ESV).

That is what faith is. We trust Jesus, we love Him, and we rejoice in Him, even though we cannot see Him right now.

And one day, we will see Him face to face.

## **The Best Promise of All**

The Bible ends this passage with a wonderful promise: “Obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:9, ESV). That means everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved forever.

God starts the work, and God finishes it.

## **Let's Remember**

When you feel sad, when things break, or when life is hard, remember this: God is merciful and gives new life. Jesus is alive, so your hope is alive. Your treasure in heaven will never fade. God is watching over you. Hard times help your faith grow. You can love and trust Jesus every day!

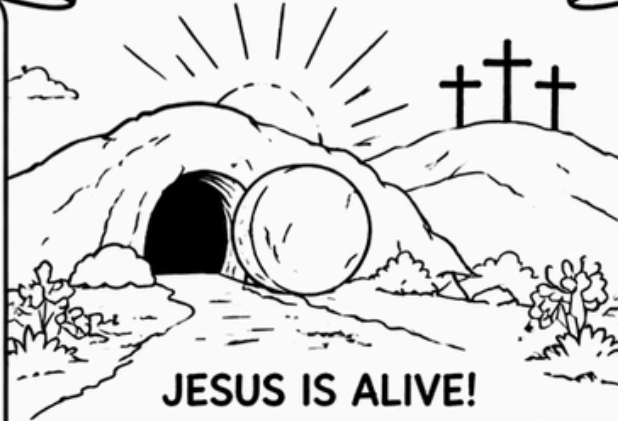
# A LIVING HOPE THAT ENDURES

1 PETER 1:3-9

GOD GIVES US  
NEW LIFE!

BORN  
AGAIN

"ACCORDING TO HIS  
GREAT MERCY..."  
1 PETER 1:3



JESUS IS ALIVE!  
SO OUR HOPE IS ALIVE!  
1 PETER 1:3

A TREASURE  
IN HEAVEN



"IMPERISHABLE,  
UNDEFILED, AND UNFADING,"  
KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU."  
1 PETER 1:4



GOD KEEPS US SAFE!

"WHO BY GOD'S POWER ARE BEING GUARDED THROUGH FAITH..."  
1 PETER 1:5



TRIALS MAKE  
FAITH STRONGER



"YOUR FAITH... MORE PRECIOUS  
THAN GOLD THAT PERISHES  
THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE."  
1 PETER 1:7

WE LOVE JESUS  
EVEN THOUGH WE  
CANNOT SEE HIM.



"WE BELIEVE IN HIM AND  
REJOICE WITH JOY!"  
1 PETER 1:8

A PROMISE  
WE CAN TRUST!



"OBTAINING THE OUTCOME  
OF YOUR FAITH, THE SALVATION  
OF YOUR SOULS."  
1 PETER 1:9



REMEMBER!

- ♥ OUR HOPE IS LIVING BECAUSE CHRIST IS ALIVE.
- ♥ OUR INHERITANCE IS SECURE BECAUSE GOD KEEPS IT.
- ♥ OUR FAITH IS SUSTAINED BECAUSE HIS POWER GUARDS US.
- ♥ OUR TRIALS ARE PURPOSEFUL BECAUSE HE IS SOVEREIGN.
- ♥ OUR JOY IS REAL BECAUSE CHRIST IS OURS!





# -CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SESSION DEVOTIONAL-

# LIFE IN HIS NAME

## JOHN 20:19-31

God's Word speaks clearly and warmly to His people, bidding them to know Christ, trust Him, and find life in His name.

### **When You Feel Afraid**

Have you ever felt scared or unsure?

The disciples felt that way. They were together in a locked room because they were afraid. But right in the middle of their fear, Jesus came to them. The Bible says, "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19, ESV). Jesus did not wait for them to be brave. He came while they were still afraid. And He gave them peace.

This is good news for you. Jesus meets us right where we are, even when we feel worried or afraid.

### **The Peace Jesus Gives**

The peace Jesus gives is not just a quiet feeling. It is peace with God. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of His people and rose again. Because of this, everyone who trusts in Him can be forgiven and made right with God.

### **From Sadness to Joy**

When the disciples saw Jesus alive, everything changed. Their fear and sadness turned into joy. Jesus had promised this would happen. In John 16:20 He said, "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy." Jesus can do that for us too. He can take our sadness and fill our hearts with real joy.

### **Jesus Helps Us Believe**

One of the disciples, Thomas, had a hard time believing. He wanted to see Jesus for himself. When Jesus came again, He spoke kindly to Thomas and helped him believe. Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28, ESV).

Sometimes you may have questions. You may wonder about things you do not understand. That is okay. Jesus is patient and kind. He helps us believe through His Word.

### **Believing Without Seeing**

Jesus said something very important: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29, ESV).

We have not seen Jesus with our eyes, but we have the Bible. God's Word tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.

When we trust what God has said, we are believing in Jesus.

### **Why This Matters**

The Bible tells us why this story was written: "So that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31, ESV). This means God uses His word to call the elect to Christ, trust Him, and have life through Him.

### **Remember**

- Jesus comes to you when you are afraid
- Jesus gives true peace with God
- Jesus turns sadness into joy
- Jesus helps you when you have questions
- Jesus calls you to believe in Him
- Jesus gives life to all His beloved people

# LIFE IN HIS NAME

JESUS CAME AND STOOD AMONG THEM AND SAID,

**"PEACE BE WITH YOU."**

JOHN 20:19

**JOHN 20:19-31**

JESUS IS ALIVE!

HE GIVES US

**"PEACE AND JOY!"**

PEACE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING



"PEACE BE WITH YOU."

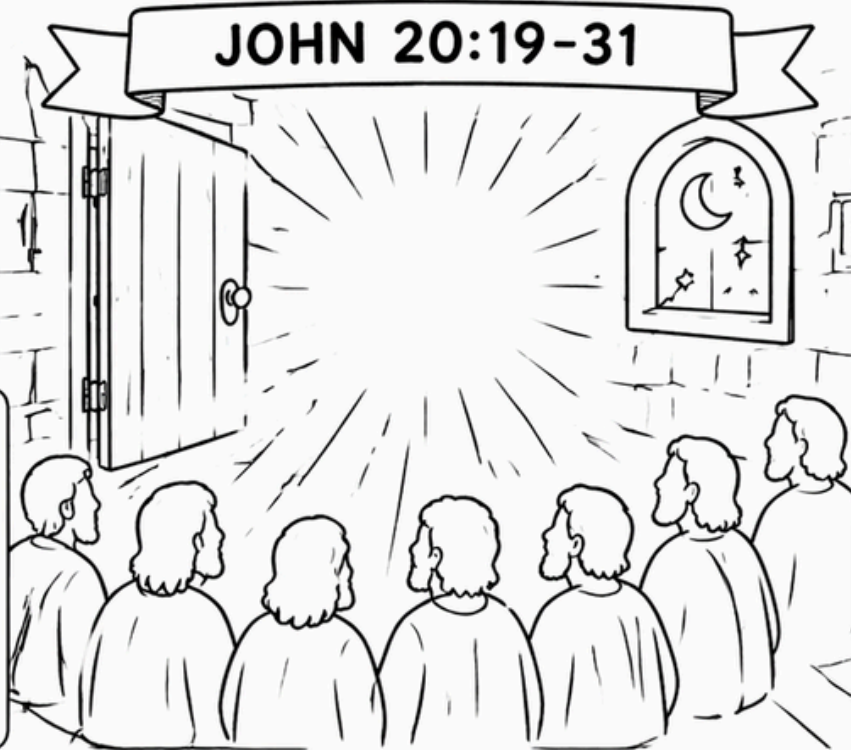
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FROM SADNESS TO JOY



"YOUR SORROW WILL TURN INTO JOY."

JOHN 16:20



"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO I AM SENDING YOU."

JOHN 20:21

JESUS SENDS US TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM!



THOMAS HAD QUESTIONS



"UNLESS I SEE... I WILL NEVER BELIEVE."

JOHN 20:25

JESUS WAS PATIENT AND KIND



"PUT YOUR FINGER HERE... DO NOT DISBELIEVE, BUT BELIEVE."

JOHN 20:27

THOMAS BELIEVED!

"MY LORD AND MY GOD!"



JOHN 20:28

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE



"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED."

JOHN 20:29

THESE ARE WRITTEN SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

JOHN 20:31

**BELIEVE IN JESUS, HAVE LIFE!**

JESUS GIVES LIFE TO EVERYONE WHO TRUSTS HIM!







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