***For Sure!***

*Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*

1 Peter 1:3-9

*That a few simple men should in one generation have invented so powerful and appealing a personality, so lofty an ethic and so inspiring a vision of human brotherhood, would be a miracle far more incredible than any recorded in the gospels.*

agnostic Will Durant,*The Story of Civilization, vol. 3, p. 555*

*Without the Resurrection, we’re all just stuck*

*with hard lives that end with death.*

Leith Anderson

**Objective Benefits: Jesus has given me living Hope!**

* Jesus has given me a living Hope!

**1 Corinthians 15:19 (NIV)**   
If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

*How could I have living hope because of a dead man?*

*If Jesus Christ can do nothing about death,*

*then whatever else He can do amounts to nothing*.

Warren Wiersbe

*What distracts me from fullness of hope?*

*God allows what he hates*

*in order to accomplish what he loves.*

Joni Eareckson Tada

* Jesus has given me a lasting inheritance - guaranteed!

**1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)**   
For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of *imperishable*, through the living and enduring word of God.

**1 Timothy 1:17 (NIV)**   
Now to the King eternal, *immortal*, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*My inheritance is as imperishable as God Himself!*

*Christian Hope is NOT wishful thinking.*

**Subjective Benefits: Jesus has given me abundance.**

* Jesus has given me grace and peace.

*Is my “peace” available but never accessed?*

* Jesus has given me inexpressible joy.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)**   
17  For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18  So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**John 1:12 (NIV)**   
Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--