"Hope of the Resurrection Launches Transformation" Series: Learning the Language of Biblical Hope

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Key Points from last Sunday's message:

- Biblical Hope is irrevocably linked to the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus.
- Now, we Hope/Wait to receive our incorruptible bodies being safeguarded in heaven until He returns.
- Hope provides a Rock-Solid foundation enabling us to fearlessly follow the Spirit's leading.
- Last week, Hope of the Resurrection Brings an Intensity to the Virtue of Love, as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

Peter uses 4 Pictures to Illustrates How God intends for Hope of the Resurrection to Transform us (1 Peter 2:1-10)

Picture #1:	
"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may	grow up
in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." 1 P	eter 2:2,3

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm34:8

Picture #2:

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and,

"A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. 1 Peter 2:4-8

"...but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles..." 1 Corinthians 1:23

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. John 2:19-22

Picture #3:	
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"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9

Picture #4:	of God's	Kingdom

"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 2:10

Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means "not loved"), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them.

⁷ Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the LORD their God, will save them."

⁸ After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. ⁹ Then the LORD said, "Call him Lo-Ammi (which means "not my people"), for you are not my people, and I am not your God. Hosea 1:6b-9

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