**I Peter**

***God Deals In Futures***

Introduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UPqyKSjtL>

1. A man wrote the following letter to a pastor: *God deals in futures.*

2. *“Hope is not a sedative; it is a shot of adrenaline, a blood transfusion. Like an*

 *anchor, our hope in Christ stabilizes us in the storms of life; but unlike an anchor,*

 *our hope moves us forward, it does not hold us back.” Warren Wiersbe*

3. Are you discouraged, defeated, depressed? God deals in futures! We have hope!

4. I Peter gives you ‘hope’!

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**I. HOPE IS SEEN IN OUR POSSESSIONS 1:1-25 *All that heaven has to offer...***

***A. The Person...Jesus Christ***

Vss. 1,2,3,7,13…Note the prepositions. Beginning with 1:21 *God* is used 36

 times in the KJV.

 ***B. The Provision...Grace***

Vss. 2, 10, 13 5:5, 10, 12

 ***C. The Purpose...Glory***

Vss. 7, 8, 21, 24

 ***D. The Particulars***

 *Mercy, Living Hope v. 3 Inheritance v. 4 Kept v. 5 Joy v. 6*

 *Trials v. 7 Faith v. 8, 9 Our Salvation v. 10-12 Jesus says, “I am*

 *Coming v. 13-16 Possessed by Jesus Christ v. 17-21 The Word of God is*

 *living v. 22-25*

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**II. HOPE IS SEEN IN OUR POSITION 2:1-25 *As Christians...In Christ...***

***A. Our Power*** *God (4,5,10,12,15,16,17,19,20)*

 ***B. Our Pain*** *Suffer (19,20,21,23; 3:14,17,18,20; 4:1,13,15,16,19)*

***C. Our Purity*** *Holy (1:15,16) 5,9*

 ***D. Our Pattern***

 *As new born babes v. 2 Living Stones vss. 4-10 “Chosen generation, royal*

 *priest-hood, holy nation, peculiar people” vss. 9-10 Pilgrims v. 11 As*

 *property...slaves yet free 13-17 Called to suffer, called to follow in His steps*

 *vss. 21-25*

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**III. HOPE IS SEEN IN OUR PROPOSITION 3:1-22 *Live like this...***

***A. New Relationship 1-7***

A New Husband and a New Wife

 ***B. New Rightness 8-12***

This flows from a loving relationship.

 ***C. New Reality 13-17***

**Sold Out 13 Stand Firm 14 Surrender All 15a Speak Up 15b Shine**

**Forth 16**

***D. New Riches 18-22***

We get what we will give!

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**IV. HOPE IS SEEN IN OUR PRIVILEGE 4:1-19** ***Suffer for Christ...***

 *Suffer* (1,13,15,16,19) *Glory* (13,14,16) *God* (2,10,11,14,16,17,19)

***A. To Cease From Sinning 1-6***

 ***B. To Be Ready 7-11***

 ***C. To Know How To Face Trials 12-16***

 ***D. To Know Judgment Is Coming 17-19***

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**V. HOPE IS SEEN IN OUR PROMISES 5:1-14 *Jesus is coming...***

 *God* (2,3,5,6,10,12) *Glory* (1,4,10,11) *Grace* (5,10,12)

***A. His Crown 1-4***

 ***B. His Care 5-9***

 ***C. His Compassion 10-14***

***We Are Part Of His Plan:*** *Called (1:15; 2:9,21; 3:9; 5:10)*

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