**The Hope Easter Brings**

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**1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)**   
*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

1. **Death is not the end!**

**Romans 8:10-11 (NASB)**   
*If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

1. **Christians win, Satan loses!**

**Genesis 3:15 (NASB)**   
*And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

1. **Forgiveness is offered!**

**1 John 1:9 (NIV)**   
*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

1. **New life is offered!**

**Romans 5:10 (NASB)**   
*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

1. **Greater future!**

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NIV)**   
*However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- 10  but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.*

**John 17:3 (NIV)**   
*Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.*

**Jesus uses the church to distribute hope, Who is the church? You!**