

Jan 14, 2024 - Communion Sunday

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

ABUNDANT MERCY- *Matthew 12:7* *But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.* The need to give mercy to others and to yourself.

Psalms 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Micah 7:18 Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.

LIVING HOPE - what are some things that people build their hope on ?

Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

INHERITANCE

- Incorruptible - exempt from wear & waste
- Undefiled - unpolluted, unstained, unsoiled, undefiled by sin
- Does not fade away - unfailing loveliness

RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU

WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD

- Through faith
- For salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (see verse 1:9)