**1 Peter 1:3-5, (NKJV), emphasis mine, *"***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, 4to **an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**, 5who are **kept by the power of God** through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time***"***

***According to HIS abundant M***e***rcy...******Jesus has begotten us again:***

***1. To a living hope,***

***2. To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled,***

***3. To a reservation in heaven for you (and me!), and***

***4. To God’s power.***

Can you echo, “SENSATIONAL, INCONCEIVABLE, INCREDIBLE, UNBELIEVABLE, EXCEPTIONAL, UNTHINKABLE AND REMARKABLE!?!” (NOT THAT I EVER INDULGE IN CIRCUMLOCUTION!)

**Here’s your ‘cynosure’ for today-- shout, scream, shriek, screech, and squeal!!**

**Praise God for a Living Hope!** Peter reminds us today, this "**This is Your Living Hope” Thursday, to praise our risen Lord and King who lives forever! As the heart-breaking shadow of Calvary’s lonely hill hung over Jerusalem’s drama that time-shifting afternoon on Golgotha, the dawning of His “rising again” shone on a tomb which stood eerily empty. M**e**rcy arose that first Resurrection morning, almost two thousand years ago, and we are indubitably, indisputably, irrefutably, incontrovertibly, incontestably, and eternally grateful. He arose, and He lives still!**

***It is always,***

***Because of Him,***

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Dear Heavenly God, what optimism You give us in the person of Your resurrected Son! Thank You for hope, inheritance, heaven, and power. Let us spend today in Your will, following Your lead, showing Your mercy to our fellows, and striving to help the hurting. Praise You for Your protection. Remind me of the promises in Your Word, and prod me toward a “real witness” for You. Let me study in the “deep meat” of the holy scripture. Forgive my reluctance and resistance to Your high calling. Heal my friends struggling with sin and addiction. I love You and thank You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

***Because He arose, you can rise to a new existence in His eternal presence. Because He lives, you can live also. Call me if you’re not sure about your “tomorrow.” 316-323-3889.***