



An Incorruptible Inheritance

[1 Peter 1:3-8](#)

Dr. J. Vernon McGee told a story from somewhere down on the bayou. A man found out that he was all set to inherit a beautiful southern mansion upon the passing of the elderly and sickly owner. However, the night that the owner died, the mansion caught fire and burned to the ground. The inheritance was gone.

Peter tells us that we have an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance in Christ. These words convey a sense of vitality and purity. In fact, the Apostle Peter used the word lively or living in the previous verse to describe our hope in Christ. It is important for us to remember that our foundation is the solid rock of Christ. We can get mentally, emotionally, and spiritually lost when we allow ourselves to focus on the present difficulties we face in life. Bitterness, jealousy, and cynicism are close companions when we allow our focus to drift from eternity to the present.

The Heavenly Father provides us with a living hope through the blood of Jesus Christ both in the present and in eternity. It is a hope that is not able to be corrupted or defiled by the decay and impurity of this world. It is a hope that is kept by his power, not our ability. Because of this, the Christian can rejoice even in present trouble. Regardless of which political party is in power, however much freedom is restricted, no matter how rich the rich get and how poor the poor get, no matter my health or station in life, the Christian has an inheritance that no one can diminish or spoil.