



Born into Hope

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The Context of 1 Peter

1 Peter 1.1-2

- Peter and apostle of Jesus Christ to the chosen, strangers scattered through Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God, the father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, into obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, Grace to you and may peace give abundance.

Map of Asia Minor





Understanding the Structure

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Structure

- vv3-5 – Celebration of New Birth
- Vv6-9 – Temptations in the Present, Salvation in the future
 - Vv6-7 Joy in the midst of suffering
 - 8-9 Christ whom you love and in whom you rejoice
- Vv10-12 – Salvation in Christ revealed to the Prophets
 - Vv 10-11 – the prophets attempted to find out
 - V 12 – it was revealed to them it was for you

Focusing on the opening verse

- v. 3 Blessed the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy, has given birth to us again into living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead

A few features to notice

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Blessed be the Lord

Ruth 4.14 Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin;

1 Kings 1.48 and went on to pray thus, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who today has granted one of my offspring to sit on my throne and permitted me to witness it.”

Psalms 28.6 Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

Blessed be...

- (2Cor 1:1) ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles
- (Eph 1:1) ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ

A few other features to notice

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Having given birth to us again

anagennaō

- Gennaō – to give birth
- Ana – again
- Active aorist participle

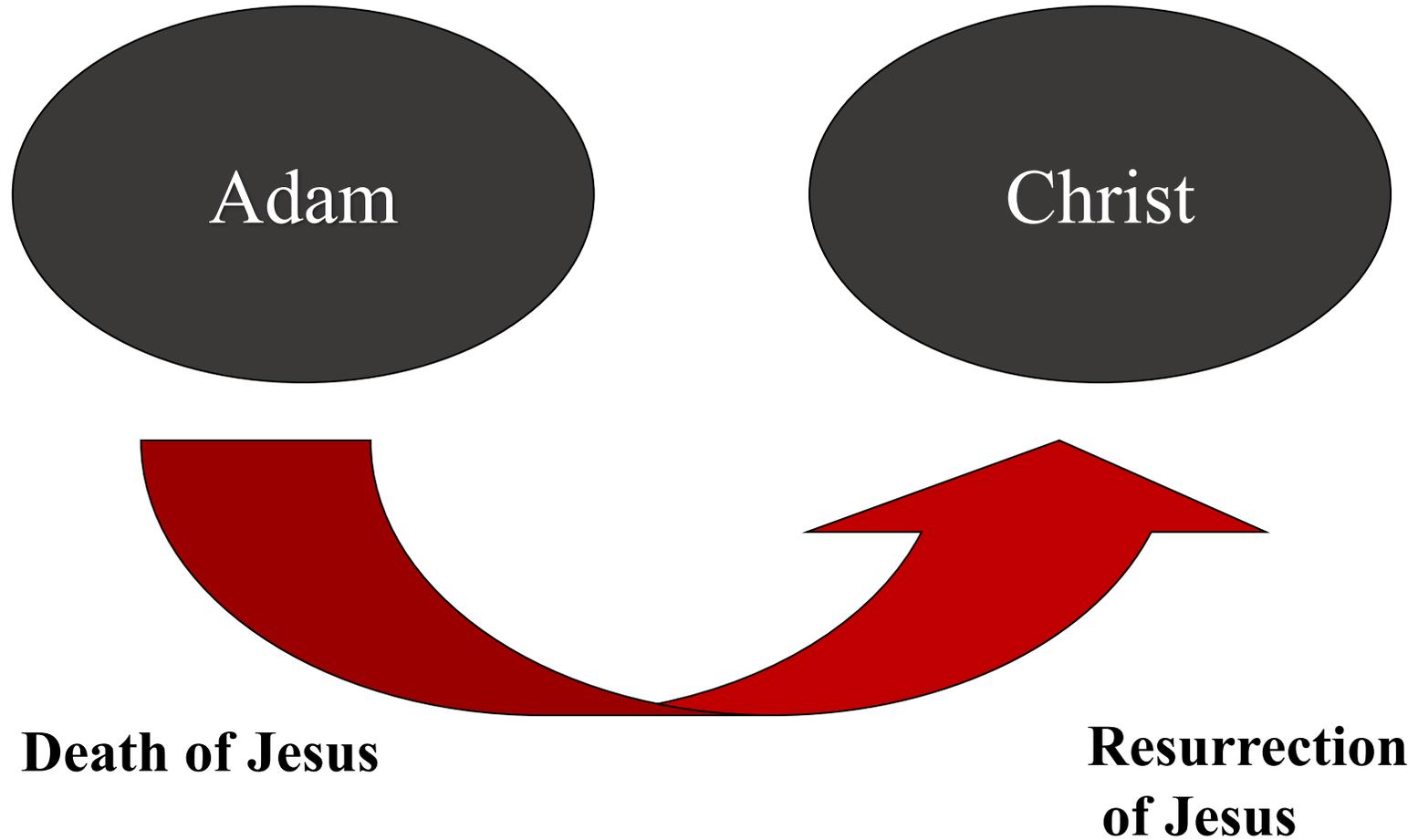
John 3.3-4 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

A few other features to notice

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Having given birth to us again
- Through the resurrection of Jesus – which is what makes the hope living

Representation in Paul's Thinking





What difference to 'hope'
does being born into a living
hope make?