



"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead..." **Ephesians 1:18-19** (NIV)

And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy,^[d] because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us. **Romans 5:5** (TPT)

➤ BECAUSE OF THE RESSURECTION...

1. I can confidentially expect God to _____ me when I _____.

▪ Case Study - The Apostle Peter

...a servant girl of the high priest came up⁶⁷ and saw Peter warming himself by the fire. She stared at him and said, "You were with Jesus from Nazareth!"⁶⁸ Peter replied, "That isn't true! I don't know what you're talking about. I don't have any idea what you mean." He went out to the gate, and a rooster crowed.⁶⁹ The servant girl saw Peter again and said to the people standing there, "This man is one of them!"⁷⁰ "No, I'm not!" Peter replied. A little while later some of the people said to Peter, "You certainly are one of them. You're a Galilean!"⁷¹ This time Peter began to curse and swear, "I don't even know the man you're talking about!" **Mark 14:70** (CEV)

You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body.⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you. **Mark 16:4** (CEV)

"Then Peter stood up...and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd ...²² "Listen to these words, fellow-Israelites! Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority was clearly proven to you by all the miracles and wonders which God performed through him. You yourselves know this, for it happened here among you...²³ you killed Jesus by letting sinful men crucify him. But God raised him from death... **Acts 2:14, 22-24** (GN)

2. I can confidentially expect God to _____ my _____.

▪ Case Study - The Apostle John

He climbed a mountain and invited those he wanted with him..¹⁴ He settled on twelve, and designated them apostles. The plan was that they would be with him, and he would send them out to proclaim the Word¹⁵ and give them authority to banish demons.¹⁶ These are the Twelve: Simon (Jesus later named him Peter, meaning "Rock"),¹⁷ James, son of Zebedee, John, brother of James (Jesus nicknamed the Zebedee brothers Boanerges, meaning "Sons of Thunder") ... **Mark 3:13-17** (MP)

When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?" **Luke 9:54** (NLT)

Yet we can be assured that we have been translated from spiritual death into spiritual life because we love the family of believers. A loveless life remains spiritually dead. **1 John 3:14** (TPT)

3. I can confidentially expect God to _____ with my _____.

▪ Case Study - The Apostle Thomas

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe. **John 20:24,25** (GN)

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!"²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me! **John 20:26,29** (GN)

➤ Question of the day, "How can have this hope"

▪ The Answer: _____

"For surely you know that when we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus, we were baptized into union with his death. By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.⁵ For since we have become one with him in dying as he did, in the same way we shall be one with him by being raised to life as he was.⁶ And we know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed, so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin.⁷ For when people die, they are set free from the power of sin.⁸ Since we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ For we know that Christ has been raised from death and will never die again—death will no longer rule over him. **Romans 6:3-11** (GN)