

Daily Devotion For August 11, 2021

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," I Peter 1:3

Yesterday I received an email from Evelyn Kageyama sharing with me the joyous news of "A New Kageyama". Evelyn shared that her older brother Paul's son Russell and daughter-in-law Tina welcomed their first child on Monday around 7 PM. The little girl Maisy weighed in at 8 pounds.

Hearing Evelyn's news reminded me of the song "Because He Lives" by Bill and Gloria Gaither. A stanza from the song goes:

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he/she gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

Peter tells us that the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a 'living hope.' Biblical hope is not an uncertain wish for something that we do not know whether or not will happen. It's not like saying, "I hope it won't rain next week", not knowing whether or not it will. Instead, biblical hope is a confident expectation of what has been promised. We have hope because we believe what the Bible says is true. We have hope because the resurrection of Jesus is true.

Thought For Today: What promises of God give you a "living hope". Search the scriptures today and claim one of God's promises.

Today's Prayer Focus: Prayers for Russell, Tina, Maisy and Paul and Cindy. Continue to add this week's prayer fuel to your daily devotion. Deo Volente.